WEATHER.
Fair and continued cold Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

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PRESIDENT WILSON WILL NOT GO BEFORE CONGRESS TO ASK FOR DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST GERMANY

UNITED STATES WILL NOT TAKE FIRST HOSTILE STEP

In Event the President Again Addresses the National Body, He Will Request Only That the Authority be Given to Use Such Means as May be Deemed Necessary to Protect the Rights of American Seamen and People.

CONVOYING AND ARMING SHIPS IS CONSIDERED

There is No New Development to Indicate Germany Has Committed the Overt Act, Now Regarded Inevitable—Cabinet Discusses Preparations for War Under Way in Various Departments—Gerard's Detention Cleared Up.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The course to be taken by the United States, if Germany compels the use of force to safeguard American lives and rights, has been determined. It was learned authoritatively after today's cabinet meeting that, in the event President Wilson goes before Congress again, it will not be to ask for a declaration of war, but to follow literally the words of the address in which he announced the break of diplomatic relations, and request authority to use means deemed necessary to protect American seamen and people.

The President, it was stated, is as anxious as ever to avoid war with Germany but also is as determined as ever that American citizens and ships shall be free to travel the high seas unmolested. His next step, if taken, will be to enforce that right and even then the issue of war or peace will be with Germany. Any hostile action will have to come in the form of an interference with an American right.

Details of the government's plans are not discussed. It is known, however, that convoying and arming of merchant ships are being considered.

Situation Unchanged

No new development came today to indicate that the overt act by Germany, regarded as inevitable, was nearer at hand. Fewer reports of ships sunk came in, and none told officially of the loss of an American life. Further information received about George Washington, the negro fireman lost on the Turino, indicated that he probably was a British subject.

The cabinet met today with all members present except Secretary McAdoo. Just before the meeting most of the members attended a session of the Council for National Defense, called to discuss mobilization of the nation's resources as a result of many offers from manufacturing and other companies to place themselves at the disposal of the government in the event of trouble.

War Preparation Discussed

Practically every member took to the cabinet information about the activities of his department in connection with the general precautions being taken. Questions discussed included proposed emergency legislation, steps for protecting property, mail problems precipitated by the failure of ships to sail from American ports for Europe, economic issues and the army and navy preparations.

After the meeting it was authoritatively stated that nothing had yet happened to change the course pursued by the government since the break in relations with Germany.

The effect of the tying up of ships in American harbors because of fear that they will be sunk if they pass through the war zone is one of the questions being given careful consideration. The enforced idleness of the merchant fleet is a subject of growing exasperation.

Germany's Request Resented.

Some resentment was expressed in administration quarters today over what was construed as an implication contained in Germany's request of Ambassador Gerard that old treaties between Prussia and the United States be re-affirmed, that such action was necessary to make certain that the rights of Germans in this country guaranteed under those treaties be made secure. It was reiterated that the American government fully intends acting according to the spirit of the treaties. While the treaty actually was abrogated by passage of the seamen's law with a conflicting section, the government here looks upon the pact as at least furnishing the guiding principle under which it will act.

Action of Neutrals Gratifying

The administration is understood to be highly gratified by the action taken by many of the neutrals in protesting with varying degrees of firmness against Germany's new submarine policy. While none has so far followed the lead and suggestion of the United States by breaking off diplomatic relations, nevertheless, the expression of sentiment was said to be the chief object desired by President Wilson in suggesting action to them.

There were no sensations to disturb the capital today. Preparations went on with quiet thoroughness for all eventualities. Within a short time, perhaps a few days, officials fear that Germany will take the step which will make these preparations essential. In a sense officials feel that every submarine commander virtually has been entrusted with a declaration of war against this country.

Gerard's Detention Cleared Up

The open issue as to Germany's treatment of Ambassador Gerard, which has caused much ill feeling here, appears to be cleared up. While officials have had no word from Mr. Gerard since February 5 when he reported through Copenhagen that his departure was being delayed, they accepted press dispatches today as to arrangements for his leaving tomorrow, and said that confirmation was expected through the slower official channels.

Officials maintained absolute silence on Mr. Gerard's detention until today, when Secretary Lansing authorized the following statement:

"I am very loath to believe that the German government intentionally is detaining Ambassador Gerard in Berlin on any excuse whatsoever. I should be very much surprise if such a course had been taken."

The incident will be considered closed, so far as this country is concerned, if press dispatches are borne out and the ambassador is allowed to leave Germany. Nevertheless, a disagreeable impression has been created here.

Plans for Bernstorff's Departure

Final arrangements for the departure of former German officials on the Scandinavian liner Frederick VIII., next Tuesday from New York via Halifax for Christiania, were completed today by agents of the company and the state department. The trip will be made via Halifax in order to avoid the German war zone on the route via Falmouth or Kirkwall.

As one explanation for the earnest desire to avoid the apparently inevitable break with Austria-Hungary, it was pointed out today that if that were done all communication between this country and Bulgaria and Turkey would be cut off. This would be serious for the American relief work in Syria and Armenia and the 1,000 or more Americans for whose departure from Asia Minor the State Department has succeeded in arranging.

Austrian Situation Unchanged

There has been no development in the situation with Austria since Ambassador Penfield last Saturday forwarded from Vienna an Austrian note similar, but not identical, with Germany's. No statement has been made as to whether the fuller details requested by the department from Ambassador Penfield have been received.

Only about half as much tonnage as during each of the past three days was reported sunk in Lloyd's dispatches received at the department today. Whether the sudden drop was due to better British patrolling, armament or destruction of submarines is not known.

British officials here claim that their figures show that four boats out of every five that are armed, even with a stern gun, complete their voyages in safety. Whether armament fore as well as aft would be more efficacious is disputed, but it is expected there will be large developments both along this line and along the line of sending ships out through safeguarded lanes under fast convoy.

This was one of the subjects discuss-

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GERARD TO START FOR HOME TODAY

American Ambassador and Suite Will Leave Germany Via Switzerland and Spain

TO BE ABOUT 200 IN PARTY

Delay Caused by Number of Passports to be Issued and Lack of News of the Movements of Count Von Bernstorff

Berlin, Feb. 8, (via London, Feb. 9).—Former American Ambassador Gerard will return to the United State via Switzerland and Spain and probably will leave Berlin Saturday evening. In Spain he will board a liner for the United States.

Arrangements for the departure of Mr. Gerard and his suite were practically completed today. The delay was caused by the number of passports to be made out and because of the lack of news of the movements of Count von Bernstorff.

A special train will leave Berlin Saturday evening at 8:10 o'clock for Switzerland via Basil and Berne. Two representatives of the foreign office will accompany the party to the border, which is expected to be reached early Sunday afternoon. The embassy representatives will enjoy the diplomatic privilege at the frontier, and baggage inspection formation for the others of the party will be executed before leaving Berlin so as to avoid delay at the border.

The former ambassador and Mrs. Gerard will be accompanied by nearly all the embassy secretaries and attaches and members of the consular service in Germany—except a few ordered to Scandinavia or Holland—and by most of the newspaper correspondents. The train will carry in all about 200 persons when it leaves the capital and will be made up of sleepers and day coaches.

SAYS GERMANY REGRETS HAVING TO DETAIN GERARD

London, Feb. 9.—Dr. William von Stumm, the German under-secretary for foreign affairs, in an interview printed in the Amsterdam Handelsblad, says Germany regrets that she was compelled to take the measures she adopted against Ambassador Gerard but that the United States had prevented Count von Bernstorff, the retiring German ambassador, from telegraphing that he had received his passports.

The interview, according to Reuters Amsterdam correspondent was had in Norden, Prussia. Dr. von Stumm is declared to have said that Germany received no reports from the United States about the treatment of Count von Bernstorff, or of German consuls or German subjects in the United States. The American government, according to the under-secretary, evidently had stopped Count von Bernstorff from telegraphing immediately after the severance of diplomatic rela-

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION MEASURES DEAD?

Both Issues Believed to Have Been Settled so Far as Present Legislature is Concerned

SCHOOL BOARD BILLS DEAD

Senate and House Both Vote Down Bills to Allow Counties to Elect Their Own Boards

(BY W. J. MARTIN)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—The bill by Roberts, of Buncombe, to give the franchise to women in municipal elections, where the majority of the voters so petition, went down in defeat in the House today by a vote of 40 to 63, after a most strenous argument heard by ladies, suffragists and others, who thronged the galleries.

Also the House received the State Anti-Saloon League bill limiting receipts of liquor to two quarts per year instead of two per month with unfavorable report from the liquor traffic committee and refused, 27 to 41, to re-refer when friends of the bill pleaded that if re-referred friends of the measure could get up an acceptable bill. It looks decidedly like there will be no further prohibition legislation this session.

The Senate threshed out the question of allowing individual counties to elect boards of education and voted 22 to 24 against the Burgwin bill to allow Bertie county this privilege.

The House also voted against the Page bill to enable any county to elect its own school board on petition of the majority. This vote was 40 to 61.

Tonight the members of the Senate and House were special guests of the Wake county alumni association of the A. & M. College for a big dinner in honor especially of Lieut. Governor O. Max Gardner, alumnus of the college.

When the Senate convened at 10 o'clock, on motion of Senator Oates, the Oates bill as to primary nomination of county boards of education in the counties and appointment by the Governor so as to assure Democratic control in all the counties, was displaced as a special order for the day, and set as a special order for next Thursday. New bills were introduced as follows:

New Bills Introduced

Linn—Amend the statute of limitations relative to municipalities.

Thompson—Amend the law relative to the exemption of certain entertainments from tax.

President Gardner laid before the Senate the bill to allow Bertie county to elect her board of school commissioners, as a special order. It was ad-

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BIG GAINS SHOWN BY COUNTRY BANKS

While There is Sharp Shrinkage in Resources of Institutions in Larger Cities

REPORT OF COMPTROLLER

Says Bank Call of December 27 Shows Continuance of Wider Diffusion of Banking Resources of the Country.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Sharp shrinkage in the resources of National banks in the chief cities of the country and gains showing strength never attained before on the parts of banks in smaller cities and towns are disclosed in the comptroller of the currency's statemenf of bank conditions on December 27, the date of the last bank call, made public today.

There was a net shrinkage of $186,000,000. New York City banks reduced their resources $200,000,000; in Chicago the reduction was $15,000,000; in Philadelphia $22,000,000 and in Boston $15,000,000.

"Among the country banks," reads the statement, "Pensylvania led with an increase of $20,000,000, followed by Iowa, with $12,000,000 and Illinois with $10,000,000. Country banks in Virginia increased about $4,000,000."

States in which the banks showed a decline between the last two calls—November 27 and December 27—included New York $10,000,000; Texas $8,000,000; Georgia $7,000,000 and Oklahoma and North Dakota about $3,000,000 each.

Decentralization of financial strength and its diffusion throughout the entire country are indicated, the comptroller asserts.

"Since May, 1916," says the statement, "country banks have increased their resources $759,000,0000 or 12 per cent. In the same period resources of National banks in the central reserve cities declined $77,000,0000, or 2 per cent., and resources of National banks in other reserve cities increase $455,000,000, or 11 per cent.

"Those figures indicate that the tendency, noted for some time past, towards a wider diffusion of the banking resources of the country continues."

Total resources of National banks December 27 last, were $15,333,000,000, an increase since January 13, 1914, of $4,037,000,000 and an increase of $1,800,000,000 since December 31, 1915.

Deposits decreased sharply during the forty days between the last two bank calls, in large measure, it is believed, because of Christmas trade demands. The decrease totalled $223,227,000 but the amount on deposits December 27, $12,264,662,000 was $1,884,971,000 more than on December 31, 1915. Other totals, as compared with the call of November 17 were as follows:

Cash on hand and due from Federal reserve banks $1,493,443,000, an increase of $55,928,000; loan and discounts $8,340,000,000, a decrease of $5,000,000; surplus and profits $1,106,000,000, an increase of $16,000,000; accept-

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FIVE NEUTRAL SHIPS ARE ADDED TO LIST OF U-BOAT VICTIMS

Four of the Vessels Reported Sunk Were of Norwegian Registry and One Spanish

ONE BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

The Total Tonnage Lost, According to Yesterday's Report, Aggregated 10,424

REVIEW OF THE WAR NEWS

British Destroyer of Old Type Sunk by Striking Mine

Five neutral vessels and one British steamer have been added to the list of victims of the German submarine campaign, according to the latest dispatches from London. Four of the neutrals were of Norwegian registry and the other was the Spanish steamer Nueva Montana. The total tonnage lost, according to Friday's report, was 10,424.

Names of Ships.

The Norwegian vessels lost were the Hanskinck, Storskog, Ida and Odin. Sailors on both the Ida and Odin were killed by shell fire. All but two seamen on the Storskog were lost when the submarine to which they had been taken submerged suddenly on the approach of a steamer and left them to seek safety in the water. The one British steamer sunk was the Hanna Larsen, of 1,310 tons. Her captain and chief engineer were taken prisoner on board the submarine.

On the War Fronts

Except for raids and artillery bombardments on the northern end of the front in France, especially in the Somme and Ypres sectors there has been little activity on the battle fields of Europe, Berlin reports lively activity on the Somme front but the latest British official mentions only small actions in the vicinity of Ypres.

French troops have carried out a successful surprise attack east of Rheims, returning with some prisoners. In the eastern and Macedonian theatres all has been quiet except around Stanislau, Galicia, which Petrograd reports, has been under bombardment of Austro-German guns.

A British torpedo boat destroyer of an old type has been lost in the English Channel through striking a mine. The British admiralty says that all the officers were lost as were all the members of the crew except five who were saved.

BRITISH DESTROYER OF OLD TYPE IS SUNK BY A MINE

London, Feb. 9.—A British torpedo boat destroyer of an older type, the British admiralty announced tonight, struck a mine in the English Channel Thursday night and sank. All the officers and all of the crew, except five, were lost.

The official statement follows:

"A torpedo boat of an older type, employed in patrol duty in the English Channel, struck a mine last night and sank. All the officers were lost. There were five survivors among the crew."

The oldest type of destroyers in the British navy is known as class A, built between 1893 and 1895. The average displacement is 310 tons, length 200 feet and beam 19 feet. Two of these vessels have a compliment of 45 men each, while the other ten carry 50 men each.

The next oldest type, Class B, have an average displacement of about 400 tons and complement of 60 men each.

TWENTY-FIVE MEMBERS OF VEDAMORE'S CREW PERISHED

London, Feb. 9.—Twenty-five of the crew of the torpedoed British steamer Vedamore perished with the sinking of the vessel, according to the Press Association. The survivors have been landed. They number 35 and all suffered greatly from exposure, having been for ten hours in open boats in extremely cold weather. Many of the men were only half clad.

R. B. STEVENS NOMINATED MEMBER OF SHIPPING BOARD

Washington, Feb. 9.—Raymond B. Stevens, of New Hampshire, was nominated by President Wilson today as a member of the shipping board to succeed Bernard N. Baker, who resigned soon after being confirmed by the Senate.

Indiana "Dry" on April 2.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 9.—Governor Goodrich today signed the state-wide prohibition bill making Indiana dry on and after April 2, 1917. The law prohibits the sale, manufacture, giving away or advertisement of all alcoholic liquors, except pure grain alcohol for chemical and medicinal purposes and wine for sacramental uses.

One of Dormitories At State Normal Burned In Early Morning Fire

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 10.—One of the dormitory buildings of the North Carolina State Normal College, located here, was destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The thirty young lady students in the structure escoped uninjured.

The students lost all their personal effects.

The property loss is placed at $10,000.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON RAILROAD BILL

Provides for Investigation of Labor Controversies Through the Federal Board

STRIKES NOT PROHIBITED

But Obstruction of Mails and Interstate Commerce is Forbidden—Vests Power in President to Take Over Roads.

Washington, Feb. 9.—After many weeks consideration the Senate interstate commerce committee today approved and reported to the Senate a bill to supplement the Adamson railroad law, providing for investigation of controversies on common carriers and giving the President authority to take over railroad, telegraph and telephone lines in times of military necessity.

There is no prohibition in the measure against the right to strike or lockout, but there is a provision to prevent the obstruction of the mails or of interstate commerce.

Chairman Newlands expects to call the bill up as soon as possible. It is much like that introduced in the House earlier in the week and may be passed at the present session. It is expected to meet the views of the administration since it has become apparent that a more stringent bill virtually would have no chance of getting through before adjournment.

Under the terms of the bill when the present Federal mediation and conciliation board fails to settle a railroad labor controversy the President shall enlarge the board by the addition of one representative of the carriers and one of the men. The enlarged board's report shall be made within three months and contain recommendations "according to the merits and substantial justice of the case," which shall be published.

The prohibition section makes it a misdemeanor punishable with six months imprisonment for any person who "knowingly and wilfully by physical force, or threats or intimidation" obstructs or retards the passage of the United States mail or the orderly movement of interstate or foreign commerce, or the make-up or disposition of any train.

The military necessity section pro-

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Fleet of 20 Ships Will Be Convoyed?

ALLIED VESSELS SAID TO BE ASSEMBLED 30 MILES OFF VIRGINIA CAPES—THREE WARSHIPS REPORTED STANDING BY

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—A merchant fleet of twenty allied ships, all heavy laden with cargoes for ports in the European war zone, is tonight assembled 30 miles off the Virginia Capes, according to reports brought here tonight. It is expected that the fleet will be largely augmented by tomorrow night when it is scheduled to sail. Three allied warships of the cruiser type said to be with the merchant type are said to be with the merchant ships and will act as convoys across the Atlantic. The understanding is that in the mid-Atlantic the fleet will be met by a squadron of fast English cruisers and destroyer for the trip across the war zone.

The vessels carry cargoes of munitions, grains and foodstuff destined for Entente ports. The movements of the ships are being kept secret as far as possible.

CONGRESSMEN SAID TO HAVE DEALT IN STOCKS

Washington Broker Says He Handled Their Accounts

They Will be Examined Privately By "Leak" Inquiry Committee—Newspaper Men Deny Violating Lansing's Confidence

Washington, Feb. 9.—Stock exchange accounts held by members of Congress will be examined by the "leak" inquiry committee as a result of the testimony of a Washington broker today that certain representatives have traded through him. The account of every member as revealed by brokers' books will be inspected privately and if there is any suspicion that official information has been utilized in trading, public investigation of the transactions will be inaugurated.

Most of the local brokers' records are now in the possession of the committee and supplemental accounts will be obtained in New York when hearings are resumed there next week.

George B. Chipman, Washington manager for Harriman & Company, New York brokers, testified that members of the House had been trading with him. He declared, however, that most of the accounts were investments He did not think any representatives traded through him the week of December 20. He expressly stated that no senators had any accounts with him.

Eugene E. Thompson, manager of the Crane Parris & Company brokerage office, denied that any members of Congress had accounts with his firm.

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HOSPITAL FORCE FOR ARMY OF ONE MILLION

Could be Mobilized by the Red Cross Within a Few Days

Acting Chairman Wadsworth Gives Summary of Present State of Preparedness in Event War Should Be Declared

Washington, Feb. 9.—An expert hospital force sufficient to care for any army of a million men could be mobilized by the Red Cross within a few days after an outbreak of hostilities, in the belief of officials at headquarters of the society here.

Since the call was issued Saturday instructing the Red Cross chapters throughout the country to place themselves on a footing for field work many encouraging reports have been returned to headquarters, together with a great flood of personal offers of service. Eliot Wadsworth, acting chairman, estimated tonight that the force which could be mobilized immediately in case of war would include:

Twenty-six completely equipped army and navy base hospital units, with a total personnel of 1,250 nurses' aids; A hospital base reserve of 415 nurses and 525 nurses' aids; thirty-one partially complete navy detachments of twenty nurses each.

One hundred and fifteen local emergency detachments; and A corps of expert instructors in surgical dressings, totalling about 120.

Mr. Wadsworth said that, all told, the organization could put into the field 2,970 trained Red Cross nurses, and estimated that if 30 per cent. of

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STEAMER BALTIC IS SAFE AT LIVERPOOL

Liner Passes Through "War Zone" Without Mishap

No Report Had Been Received Last Night From Adriatic, Which Sailed From New York Saturday. Two Ships Sail Today.

New York, Feb. 9.—The steamship Baltic, of the White Star Line, has arrived safely at Liverpool according to a cable message received here tonight by officers of the company. The message, besides announcing that the Baltic had reached her pier, said "all well."

The arrival of the Baltic removes from the danger zone another British vessel carrying United States citizens. There were two Americans among her 44 passengers. The steamship took to England a full cargo of munitions.

No report had been received tonight from the Adriatic, also of the White Star Line, which sailed from New York last Saturday and which is believed to be inside the war zone. Officials of the line professed to feel no anxiety for her safety. There is one American passenger on the Adriatic.

The American Line announced tonight that no decision had been reached as to the sailing of the steamships St. Louis and St. Paul which have been indefinitely postponed. The crew of the St. Louis is still on board awaiting orders. The company flatly denied that it had been decided to mount guns on the St. Louis before she sailed.

Two freight steamers flying the American flag and manned exclusively by Americans were ready tonight to

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BRYCE THINKS END OF THE WAR NEAR

Says Germany's Desperate Declaration is the First Definite Step Towards Peace

GIVES VIEW OF SITUATION

Discusses, In Statement to The Associated Press, the Probable Effect Action of the United States Will Have

London, Feb. 9.—Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, gave to The Associated Press today his views on the current phases of the war and the probable effect of America's action. Speaking first of Germany's declaration of war zones and the menace to neutrals, he said:

"This is the first definite step that brings us nearer peace. It looks like the beginning of the end. Up till now many thought the outcome of the war might be a drawn game, but now the German government, recognizing approaching economic exhaustion and the growing scarcity of supplies, has become desperate and is resorting to desperate measures. Seeing no other hope of success, it is throwing over every remaining restraint of law and proclaiming its contempt of neutral opinion.

"It undertook the invasion of Rumania in the belief that victory there would startle the world, would appease discontent in Germany, and enable it to dictate peace on its own terms. When the German armies scored success in Rumania the German government thought the time for dictating peace had come. This was its calculation. But the offer was made in a way which showed the terms were to be terms imposed by a conqueror which would enable her to retain most of her ill-gotten gains. When the allies unanimously rejected the offer because they knew it could not secure a durable peace but would merely give her time for resting till she was ready to resume her attacks, the German government grew desperate and determined to try desperate expedients.

Acquiesced in Turkish Plan

"We need not be surprised, for the whole conduct of the German government has been of a piece. They began by invading Belgium, an innocent country with which they had no quarrel, merely to gain a military advantage. They slaughtered thousands of innocent Belgian civilians, men, women and children. They drowned innocent passengers and crews of passenger and merchant ships, many of them neutrals, 1,200 on the Lusitania alone. They stood by and tacitly acquiesced in the plan of their Turkish allies to exterminate the whole christian nation of Armenians with unheard of cruelties when they could have stopped the massacres by warning the Turks to desist. Instead, they have been conferring honors on the bloodthirsty ruffian Enver, (Turkish war minister) the principal author of the massacres. And now they are carrying into slavery many thousand peaceful Belgian workmen who are driven by force to toil against their own country and help maintain in Belgium German tyranny of those who have been slaughtering their fellow countrymen.

"All these acts show absolute disregard not only of international law and treaty obligations but, what is far worse, scorn for the first principles of justice and humanity. This is what made us in England feel that no peace can be made with such a government until it has been defeated.

Nothing Less Than Defeat

"Nothing less than defeat will do. Nothing less than defeat will show the German people that they must get rid of such rulers. What we in England have been hoping is that neutral nations, especially people like the Americans, which so often have shown respect for justice and humanity, will understand what it is we are fighting for. It is not a war for territory or trade, like so many wars which have gone before it. It is a war for freedom and for right, a war to enable mankind to enjoy enduring peace in the future."

President's Position Strengthened

When Mr. Bryce was asked concerning President Wilson's course in severing diplomatic relations with Germany, he said:

"The President seems to us, if I may venture to express an opinion, to have acted with patient caution and moderation, which greatly strengthens his present position."

HOSPITAL FORCE FOR ARMY OF ONE MILLION

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those whom the Red Cross had given elementary training responded to the call as nurses' aids, the total nursing personnel would be about 5,000.

"With the customary assignment of ten patients to each nurse," he added, "we could thus take care of 50,000 sick and wounded at once. In the earlier stages of war the proportion of sick and wounded is about five per cent. In other words, we are prepared today to give expert nursing service to an army of one million men.

"No National emergency has ever found the Red Cross better prepared than it is today."

AMERICANS IN GERMANY ALLOWED TO SEND MESSAGES

Copenhagen, Feb. 7 (via London, Feb. 8.)—The report that Americans in Germany could not communicate with relatives and friends abroad apparently is incorrect. Members of the Belgian relief commission, who are in Copenhagen temporarily, told the Associated Press today that Americans in Berlin are permitted to send messages freely and also to receive answers to them. Their messages, it was said, were dispatched quickly, as a rule, requiring only four or five hours.

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LARGE NUMBER DESTROYED?

Marine Authority Says He Knows of As Many as Two and Three Undersea Boats Being Sent Down in a Single Day.

New York, Feb. 9.—Although figures to show the number of submarines destroyed by the Entente allies and the means used in their destruction are unavailable, owing to the rigid censorship, it was learned here tonight from an authoritative source that direct gun first from the decks of warships and auxiliary vessels has been the most effective mothod employed thus far.

To combat the submarine menace, the allies have adopted various plans, although some of them have been abandoned as ineffective. A marine authority of unquestioned standing, who is close to British shipping interests, said today when asked as to the effectiveness of arming ships:

"We have found that light guns discharging projectiles of four to six pounds, in hands of trained gunners, have been by far the most effective weapon. I know personally that as many as two and three submarines have been bagged in one day in this way.

"A submarine commander looking through a periscope has a range of vision of about three miles, but he must get his target broadside on to have a reasonable chance of making a torpedo hit and as torpedoes are a very expensive missile he cannot afford to take many chances on a miss.

"A periscope above the water at a distance of200 or 300 yards makes a fair mark for a gunner working from the deck of a ship. One shot hitting the mark is all that is needed as the submarines are of light construction and a hole anywhere in their shell spells their doom.

"It is seldom that a torpedo is fired when a threatened ship can so maneuver as to show only her stern for a mark and in most of the cases of this nature so far reported the submersibles have come to the surface and resorted to gun fire from a deck gun. In this kind of a fighting a gun mounted on a steamship has a great advantage for the platform offered by a submarine is an unsteady thing to fire from, and despite the smaller target offered, the gunners on ships have the better of it.

"Careful observations made during the last year of steamers mounting defense guns show that they are in a measure immune from attack unless it is without warning as in the case of the California.

OVERMAN'S PROPOSAL BLOCKS DECISION ON REVENUE BILL

Democratic Senators in Caucus Fail to Reach an Agreement

Washington, Feb. 9—Democratic senators were in caucus tonight until a late hour on the administration revenue bill without reaching an agreement. They adjourned until tomorrow night, when administration leaders expect to see approved a measure similar to the House bill, which would provide for a $100,000,000 bond issue and for an excess tax and increased inheritance taxes, ai raise approximately $250,000,000.

The fight tonight was over a proposal by Senator Overman, of North Carolina, that a half billion dollar bond issue be authorized.

For several hours the suggestion was discussed, with administration leaders vigorously opposing it. While the probabilities of war was recognized by all present, the majority seemed to be of the opinion that they should go ahead with the revenue bill as passed by the House, leaving the future to take care of itself.

COAL SUPPLY SHORT

Atlanta Has Stock Sufficient For Only Forty-Eight Hours

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 9.—Atlanta's coal supply is sufficient for only 48 hours and somewhat similar conditions prevail in many sections throughout the South, it was said at a meeting of local coal dealers today. Telegrams were sent to presidents of the several railroads bringing coal into Atlanta, urging them to furnish more coal cars, and an appeal also was sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

$965,000 DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE JEWISH WAR SUFFERERS

Appropriations Take Every Dollar Out of Treasury and Leave Deficit

New York, Feb. 9.—Distribution of $965,000 for the relief of Jewish war sufferers in the various war zones, was authorized by the joint distribution committee at a meeting here late today. This accounts for every dollar in the treasury and leaves a deficit besides.

STEAMER BALTIC IS SAFE AT LIVERPOOL

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start for Bordeaux with non-contraband cargoes. They are the Orlean, of the Oriental Navigation Company, and the Rochester, of the Kerr Steamship Company. The freighters will get away tomorrow morning, their owners announced.

BIG GAINS SHOWN BY COUNTRY BANKS

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ances based on imports and exports $100,000,000, an increase of $2,000,000.

Resources of country banks amounted approximately to $7,000,000,000.

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LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR GARDNER IS HONORED

Brilliant Dinner at A. & M. College Attended by Nearly 200

Governor Bickett and Prominent Members of the Legislature Among the Speakers—John A. Park Toastmaster

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9.—Out at the A. and M. College tonight there was a brilliant dinner for which nearly 200 plates were set, the affair being in honor of Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner, an alumnus of the college, of whom the faculty, student body and the great army of the alumni, are especially proud, as having already been honored with the second highest office the people of the State can bestow.

John A. Park, president of the Wake County Alumni Association, which was host for the occasion, was toastmaster and there were special addresses by the guest of honor, Governor Bickett, Senator Holderness, Senator Gray, former Lieutenant Governors Doughton and Turner, Senator John A. Oates, Speaker Walter Murphy, Harry Stubbs, Representative Winborne and Representative Clark, of Pitt.

Lieutenant Governor Gardner spoke especially of the advantages of vocational training such as the A. and M. College provides.

Governor Bickett and the other speakers paid high tribute to the service to the State that the college is providing and cast numerous bouquets at the feet of the guest of honor whom all delighted to honor.

ANTI-WAR DEMONSTRATION AT WASHINGTON ON MONDAY

Bryan is Expected to be Principal Speaker at the Meeting.

New York, Feb. 9.—William J. Bryan is expected to be the principal speaker at the anti-war demonstration at Washington next Monday night under the auspices of the Emergency Peace Federation, it was announced here tonight. Assurances have been received, it was said, that delegations will be present from Buffalo, Boston, Rochester, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Chicago, Omaha and other cities.

The federation announced that its representatives hope to present their views to President Wilson Monday morning and to Congress in the afternoon. Final plans for the evening meeting have not been made.

A check for $100 was received today by the New York committee from Mr. Bryan, it was reported, to help defray expenses. Announcement also was made that Miss Jane Addams, of Chicago, had telegraphed that she would organize a Chicago contingent to go to Washington.

OFFERS PLAN TO GIVE BALL PLAYERS MILITARY TRAINING

Proposes That Two Hours Each Day be Given in Southern Camps

New York, Feb. 9.—A plan to give all baseball players military training from the time they arrive at their Southern camps up the world's series, was outlined in a letter Capt. T. L. Huston, of the New York Americans, sent today to President Johnson, of the American League. Huston was a captain of engineers in the Spanish-American war. He asserted he had discussed with Major-General Wood his scheme for a baseball military training camp.

Huston suggested to President Johnson that the clubs give one hour each morning and afternoon to military drill while in the South, and two hours each morning when they return north, instead of the regular morning practice, and a short drill in the afternoon.

MOONEY IS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Mother Throws Court in Confusion When Verdict Is Announced

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Thomas J. Mooney, labor agitator, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury in the superior court here tonight for a bomb explosion costing ten lives during a preparedness parade July 22 1916.

When the jury announced their verdict Mooney's mother began to scream and the court room was thrown into violent confusion. Miss Anna Mooney, sister of the prisoner, collapsed and was carried out in a faint. The mother then became so violent that the judge ordered her removed. Screaming and fighting she was dragged from the court room.

TWO OHIO TROOPS KILLED

Others Probably Fatally Hurt When Train Strikes Motor Truck.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 9.—Two soldiers were killed, two others were so badly injured that they were reported in a dying condition, and ten others were seriously hurt today when the "Golden State Limited" on the Rock Island railroad from Chicago struck a motor truck carrying members of the Fifth Ohio infantry from Camp Pershing to this town. The men killed were Sergeant Earl Eisenhart, of Cleveland, and Private Charles Eaton, of Conneaut, Ohio.

LABOR UNION TO ASSURE PRESIDENT OF ITS SUPPORT

New York, Feb. 9.—The Central Federated Union, composed of delegates from the trades unions of New York, refused tonight a plea of the Emergency Peace Federation that it send six delegates to Washington Monday to participate in a great "peace demonstration." It was decided unanimously, however, to send a committee of three to Washington on Tuesday to assure President Wilson of the federation's "confidence and faith" in him.

WARMER WEATHER SUNDAY

Higher Temperature to Follow Cold Wave Along Atlantic Coast

Washington, Feb. 9.—The cold wave sweeping the Atlantic coast tonight from New England to Florida will be relieved by rising temperatures Saturday in the Ohio valley, Tennessee and the East Gulf states, the weather bureau announced tonight. The disturbance over western Pennsylvania Thursday night has moved northward to Maine. It was attended today by gales in the Atlantic states from Jacksonville northward.

CONGRESSMEN SAID TO HAVE DEALT IN STOCKS

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Future activities of the committee depend largely on the results of investigation into congressional accounts. Present plans are to hold no more hearings here.

Aside from interrogation of brokers today, the hearing was given over to the examination of newspaper men and employes of the government printing office. None of them gave information tending to help locate the "leak."

Eight newspaper men who were advised confidentially by Secretary Lansing on December 20 of the coming of what developed to be President Wilson's peace note, told of the circumstances surrounding the conference and declared they did not violate the secretary's confidence. They were Stephen T. Early and Arthur Sweetser, the Associated Press; G. E. Garvin and Richard Boeckel, the International News Service; Carl D. Grost, the United Press; Aaron B. Rosenthal, the Milwaukee Journal; A. J. Clark, the Washington Star and Charles D. Warner, the Christian Science Monitor.

Mr. Clark was questioned closely regarding his statement that the secretary had said he did not want news of the statement to become public prematurely because of the effect it would have on the stock market. This was in contradiction of testimony previously given by the secretary, but in corroboration of the testimony of another reporter, A. L. Jamieson.

Leroy T. Vernon, Washington correspondent of the Chicago Daily News and a member of the standing committee of the congressional press gallery, volunteered the statement that the committee was anxious o co-operate with Congress in making condition in the galleries more "wholesome." Mr. Vernon was not at Secretary Lansing's conference.

Jackson S. Elliott, head of the Washington bureau of the Associated Press, testified that his office had not violated Secretary Lansing's confidence and that none of the Associated Press members was apprised of the coming of the note until its text was transmitted to them in accordance with the deparment's instructions.

Replying to questions by Representative Harrison, of Mississippi, Mr. Elliott said no one connected with the Associated Press is permitted to have any other employments under any circumstances.

PRODUCER PAYS TO SEE HIS OWN PLAY

William Harris, Jr., Enjoys Unique Experience at "The 13th Chair."

(Contributed).

The genial box office man at the Forty-Eighth street theatre has a sense of humor. In the same connection it may be said that it is most fortunate for him that William Harris, Jr., the producer of "The Thirteenth Chair," also has a sense of humor.

You see, it happened one night recently, Mr. Harris thought he would drop in to the theatre unannounced to see how the cast was holding up in its work. About ten minutes after the curtain went up on the first act, Mr. Harris strolled up to the box office window and asked for a coupon to a seat "anywhere in the orchestra."

As a matter of fact there wasn't one seat in the theatre that belonged to the box office, but a man who had purchased five seats was disappointed by one of his guests failing to arrive at the last minute and left the ticket for the seat with the treasurer to sell for him if possible.

Mr. Harris' request for a coupon had been so explicit that without a moment's hesitation he was handed the seat coupon belonging to the man inside. All of which would have been quite unworthy of comment had it not been for the fact that after the first act the owner of the seat came to the box office and because of the fact that a man was sitting in his seat, asked for a refund of two dollars, which was, of course, given him.

All of which permitted Mr. Harris to enjoy the unique sensation of paying two dollars for a seat to his own show and incidentally gave him an opportunity to display that well known s. of h.

PRESIDENT WILSON NOT TO ASK CONGRESS FOR A DECLARATION OF WAR

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ed today by the cabinet. Tables taken up show the number of vessels that enter and leave ports of the British Isles annually.

The statistics show that before the war 65,000 vessels entered ports of the isles anuually and about the same number cleared. The U-boats, it was pointed out, have to destroy between one hundred and fifty and two hundred ships daily to stop traffic between British shores if vessels continue to traverse the seas as before unrestricted submarine warfare was declared. But this number would have to be discounted, for every ship sunk would have to be taken from the list. There are under the British flag about 12,000 ships. Sinking of 100 vessels daily would destroy the fleet within 120 days.

So far there has been nothing to come through to indicate how the vessels are getting through the blockade but it is believed here the number is relatively very large.

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TO TAKE MILITARY CENSUS OF MALES IN CONNECTICUT

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 9.—At a conference here today, attended by Governor Marcus H. Holcomb and the mayors of 19 Connecticut cities, a campaign was begun to take an immediate military census of every male in the state above the age of 16 years. The entire work will be undertaken by volunteers who will serve without pay. Blank forms have been prepared by the War Department.

URGED TO SPEED UP TRAINING OF 20 GOVERNMENT AVIATORS

Newport News, Va., Feb. 9.—The government has requested the Atlantic coast aeronautical station here to speed up the instruction of the 20 government aviators studying here. The men are members of the signal reserve corps. Four will be ready for service in a few days, ten within a month and the remainder within two months, officials of the station say.

PROPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN SELLING AGENCIES

Washington, Feb. 9.—A bill to permit establishment by American concerns of joint foreign selling agencies, similar to the Webb bill passed by the House and one of the measures on the administration's legislative programme, was approved today by the Senate interstate commerce committee. An effort will be made to pass the measure at this session.

GERMAN SPIES IN SPAIN MAKE SHIP HEADQUARTERS

Paris, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Madrid says:

"El Liberal publishes a letter from Corunna affirming that the German steamer Belgrano, interned in that port, is a center of espionage. She has aboard wireless apparatus and has made a number of sorties at night."

WOULD CREATE SUBMARINE BASE AT EAST END OF CANAL

Washington, Feb. 9.—Immediate creation of a submarine base at Coco Solo Point, at the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal was recommended to Congress today by Secretary Baker who asked for $1,573,000 for the purpose.

Reach Golf Finals

Pinehurst, N. C., Feb. 9—Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd, Pittsburg, and Miss Eleanor Gates, Brooklyn, reached the finals in the St. Valentine golf tournament today, Mrs. Hurd defeating Mrs. John D. Capman, Greenwich, 6 up and 5 to play, and Miss Gates winning from Miss Gertrude Thurston, West Hampton, 4 and 3.

Vote on Naval Bill Blocked.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Consideration of the naval appropriation bill continued in the House today, debate extending to a variety of subjects preventing a final vote. The measure virtually has been ready for passage for several days.

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Everybody Reads the Star Business Locals

THEATRICAL

Charlie Chaplin, the world's greatest comedian, has set all past performances in the shade; "The Floorwalker", "The Count" "One A. M." "Behind the Screen" and all the others have been backed off on the siding in favor of his latest great Mutual comedy scream, "The Rink" which is the top attraction on the Bijou's big bill of movies for today, the first of these great Chaplin comedies to be presented at the Bijou at Bijou prices, in order to better accomodate the crowds and furnish a chance for everyone in Wilmington to see the world's greatest comedy king in action.

The fun with Charlie and his comedy feet on skates may well be imagined.

They are everywhere at once, and with the famous mustache, the small hat, the cane right after them.

In this play Charlie is a waiter in a high-class restaurant and what he doesn't succeed in finding in the way of trouble isn't worth finding. He doesn't like the way the head waiter wears his whiskers, has no idea of the deference due from a newly graduated bus boy to "the head", makes eyes at the girls, and generally speaking, plays the deuce with precedent.

The real action of the piece centers in the "Oakespell Rink", where Charlie takes the lady upon whom he has for the moment centered his perfervid affections. This charming damsel, Furviance, of course, is left by her father in the restaurant while he goes to the skating rink for a touch of the "whirly girly" on his own.

Various flirtations, gay parties at the rink and at the restaurant, all sorts of excitement follow to fill the entire piece, with Charlie, the waiter, trying to pass off to Edna as the son of a wealthy family. It ends in a chase, with everyone but Edna—including the flirtatious father—the eight-foot Eric Campbell after Charlie.

Laughs Galore at Royal

Bob "Possum" Jarvis in the title role of "A King for a Day" provided more laughs to the three big audiences at the Royal yesterday than any whole show combined in the past three months. The greatest role in his entire repertoire, without a doubt, is what he charmed three packed audiences with yesterday, and will repeat again today.

But the show as a whole, measures up to anything of the week—many declared it was not only the best of the week but the best of the entire season. The prettiest set of scenery, certainly, of the week, was in evidence, and some of the most striking costumes that have ever graced the Royal stage.

Baby Norine, who is to entertain the kiddies at an after-matinee reception the stage this afternoon, put on her very biggest act, and the number that simply brought down the house was her superb rendition of "Pretty Baby" a difficult number even for an adult. She answered three or four encores as gracefully as did any member of the company.

Rita Marez—"A Girl and a Fiddle." in some ragtime violin solos charmed as well or better than any act of the entire week, and the entire chorus seemed to have put their very best foot forward in precenting niftiest numbers of the week. This is really an out-of-the-ordinary show—one that you cannot expect to see every week, and no one should miss an opportunity to see this big show today. "Rolling To Ruin" the big Vogue comedy feature, is absolutely the most thrilling comedy creation of the year, and is a rare extra treat again today.

And don't forget to send the children this afternoon, and let them attend the reception on the stage after the show and get a bag of candy. There will be a bag for every child.

And a last word—Mr. Jack Amick has expended much time to give Wilmington the best week of popular priced musical comedy it ever had—and has succeeded admirably. So don't miss the last chance to see his big show.

At the Grand Today

For today the Grand announces for presentation at regular admission prices, what is heralded as one of the greatest productions in which the peerless Henry Walthall has ever appeared, "The Birth of a Man", in which he shows in the various scenes such brilliance as to almost stun you his enormous amount of strength which he shows in the various scenes.

"The Birth of a Man" in five reels, filmed by the Celebrated Players Film Company, is unquestionably one of the most powerful photoplay dramas ever filmed in five reels From the first flash on the screen until finis is written, the story is convincing and appealing. Henry Walthall plays the leading role and his artistic effort is another testimonial to his wizardy.

The story deals with a young and idle millionaire who receives a cablegram advising him to leave for Paris at once in order to seize the opportunity of purchasing a greatly coveted rare canvas. Before he leaves he calls to see the girl he loves, but his appeal for an immediate marriage is rejected because the girl realizes that money is the only god he worships. By a matter of seconds he misses the train and he is held by a band of crooks. He is in a terrific fire which disfigures him and turns his hair gray. No one recognizes him when he gets back home and through a series of singular circumstances come "The Birth of a Man"—a real man.

Lyman H. Howe's Travel Festival

In 1838 Edgar Allen Poe published his remarkable narative of "A Gordon Pym." It was a fanciful tale of a vast continent in the unknown Antarctic. It was a remarkable story told in Poe's best style. Today that amazing imaginative flight is transformed from fiction into facts by the films which Lyman H. Howe will present at the Academy of Music, matinee and night, on next Wednesday, of Sir Douglas Mawson's expedition and discovery of the Antarctic continent. Still another bit of history conjured up by this reproduction is the fact that in the same year that Poe wrote his fanciful tale, Capt. Charles Wilkes, U. S. N., began a voyage of exploration to these polar regions. He returned four years later in 1842, with a chronicle of his expedition that was published in 19 volumes, eight of them written by Wilkes himself. In them he told of a vast mysterious southern continent, surrounded by impenetrable ice barriers. He could not reckon its extent but declared it to be enormous. However, for no reason in particular, the world at large refused to believe it and it has taken just 78 years to vindicate Captain Wilkes by

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MR. JAMES A. MOORE DEAD

Prominent Business Man of Fayetteville Passes Away.

(Special Star Correspondence).

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 9.—James A. Moore, 48 years old, one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Fayetteville, died at 7:35 o'clock this morning at his home on Green street, following a long illness. Mr. Moore was manager of the Fayetteville branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Company and was held in high esteem by the officers of that company from New York to Mexico. A man connected with the company said this morning that no man in the employ of the corporation had the confidence and regard of his superior officers to a greater degree than did Mr. Moore. This regard was only equalled by the affection of the men who worked for him. He had been manager of his company's large plant at this point for 15 years. He was a native of Fayetteville and, except for two years spent in Tarboro, this was always his home. Few men in Fayetteville had greater number of friends. He leaves a wife, who was Miss Kate Underwood, and two young sons, James and Joseph. Two brothers, Tom Moore, of Princeton, W. Va., and Vernon Moore, of Philadelphia, and three sisters, Mrs. W. E. Walton, of Morganton, Mrs. F. A. Hampton, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. J. M. McMurray, of Roanoke Rapids, also survive him. The funeral will be held from the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon, the deceased being a member of that church.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LOUISA HICKS

Conducted at Faison by Rev. T. P. Noe, of Wilmington, Yesterday

(Special Star Telegram).

Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 9.—The funeral service of the late Mrs. Louisa Hicks, of this city, who died yesterday morning in Raleigh, were held in the Episcopal church at Faison this morning, Rev. T. P. Noe, of Wilmington, officiating. A large party of friends in this city accompanied the family with the remains from here. Interment was made in Faison cemetery near the grave of her late father, Dr. Jno. H. Hicks, of Faison.

McKee Barclay in Fayetteville

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 9.—McKee Barclay, the famous cartoonist of the Baltimore Sun, spent a few hours in Fayetteville yesterday afternoon and last night renewing old acquaintances. Mr. Barclay spent a part of his youth here when his father, Rev. Thomas P. Barclay, was pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, and he met many old friends during his brief stay in the city. He has been visiting his mother and sister in the South and stopped over in Fayetteville on his way back to Baltimore.

Married in Fayetteville

Fayetteville, N. C., Feb. 9.—Miss Linnie Dees, of South Carolina, and Vance Paul, of Parkton, were married in this city yesterday afternoon by Rev. Joel S. Snyder, the ceremony being performed at the parsonage of the First Baptist church.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION MEASURES DEAD?

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vocated by Senator Burgwin, who charged Senator Oates with having striven to block the bill all along and he wanted that senator to explain why his 2,500 Democrats in Bertie could not be allowed this elective privilege. He said "If you don't trust the people, they will not trust you."

Senator McCoin opposed the bill.

Senator Brenizer thought that Bertie should have the privilege asked as purely a local matter.

Senator Holderness agreed with him.

Senator Oates insisted there was a State school system that must be maintained and charged the Republicans with making political capital of the schools.

Senator Jones, of Buncombe, could not understand the much talked of debt of gratitude to western county Democracy, The Democracy does not, he insisted, require him to be inconsistent and dishonest. Democracy can be maintained by being just, he insisted. He believed that any set of county officers who wrecked the school system of a county would be thrown out of office. He wanted fair play and would not sacrifice a principle to keep mountain counties from going Republican.

The previous question was moved by Senator Justice. The roll call vote was 22 to 24 against the bill.

Senator Harding offered out of order a bill to require the proper observance of the Sabbath; also a bill by request relative to allotment of widow's dower and allowance, and a bill to put Pitt county under the law prohibiting drunkenness on the public highways.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

New Bills In House

New bills and resolutions were offered as follows in the House:

Haymore—Amend the Revisal relative to the branding of fertilizer.

Ray of Macon—Provide a system of uniform accounting and examination of the State officers.

Breece—Reward officers for the capture of distillers.

Horne—Enlarge the jurisdiction of the Corporation Commission in the right of eminent domain.

Lloyd—Repeal the 1917 act relative to allowing commissioners to remove graves.

Matthews of Mecklenburg—Provide for the maintenance of roads in North Carolina.

School Bond Debate

The House launched on the debate on the Page bill to provide machinery for electing county boards of education by the people where the people so petitioned.

Representative Holding insisted that the records of those counties that elect their boards have really been hindered in their educational progress by this change from the State system. This was challenged by Mr. Kittrell, who rejoiced that he, Page and Beasley had been designated "agitators". Noah, Wilson, Aycock and Joyner were recognized as "agitators" while the Egyptians, Pharisees and Saducees were typical stand-patters. He denied that Republicans had any patent on the real Democratic produce of local self government.

Representative Joyner, of Northampton, told of having had to get his marriage license from a negro back in the Republican-Populist days. He wanted to stand by the West and hold the schools for Democracy, which the election policy could not do.

Representative Doughton insisted that the public school system is a Democratic institution and that if Republicans got control in their counties they would block progress and hinder development all they could. He said he never expected to offer for a public office again but wanted to go back home this time with the knowledge that he had done his duty by the fifty thousand people of the State who lived with him back in the mountain sections of the State where change to election of boards would do untold harm to the schools.

Representative Brummitt, the last speaker, paid tribute to Mr. Doughton but insisted that Doughton had opposed the State-wide primary law and the State-wide primary had not hurt his people in the mountains.

Mr. Page moved the previous question and the ayes and noes were called, the vote on the bill being 40 for and 61 against it.

Debate on Suffrage Bill

Then the Roberts of Buncombe bill for municipal equal suffrage came up. Mr. Roberts was in charge of the speaking line-up of the advocates.

The first speaker against the bill was Representative Winston, of Wake, who read from a splendidly prepared manuscript and in such diction as to hold the closest attention from the members and the galleries, which were thronged with people. He regarded the suffrage agitation unnatural and based on sex-antagonism. His tribute to woman kind as she is enthroned in North Carolina as queen of the home and the superior of man in all respects that count for the finer things in life and protest against the importation of these suffrage creeds from the West, with its Reno and easy morals, brought cheers from the floor and galleries alike.

Representatives McCrary and Breece advocated the bill.

Grier Makes a Hit

Mr. Grier spoke with great fervor against it. His people did not want it and he could not support it. He reviewed the "black peril" and was asked by Clark of Pitt if the white men did not get rid of the "black peril."

"They did", thundered Grier, "to save the white women from the negro man", and the members on the floor yelled in old campaign style, indicating the speaker had struck a popular chord and had the members with him in force. He pleaded for more modesty in all the demeanor of women kind.

Murphy Takes a Hand

Murphy took a hand, declaring himself "absolutely, unalterably and unchangeably" opposed to the bill. He cared not for dissenting opinions of the Supreme Court and attempts to write them into law. He would favor the bill if it could be confined to the good and intelligent women of the State, but it is the enfranchisement of sex.

Representative Pritchard regretted the House could not discuss a serious question without injecting the negro. The states in which women vote, he insisted are ahead in all that means progress.

Mr. McRackan wanted the people to remember that the women of the country elected Woodrow Wilson.

The previous question was called at 2:30 and Roberts of Buncombe closed, following a three minutes argument by Grant of New Hanover.

Roberts quoted the National Democratic platform in favor of suffrage.

The bill was voted down 40 to 63 and the House adjourned to 10 a. m. Saturday.

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TOP O' THE MORNING.

To have a keen sense of limitation is to see clearly and to deal honestly with one's self; and clear vision and integrity are noble foundations upon which to build for larger growth.

—SELECTED.

It is quite likely that there will soon be a General Teddy Roosevelt. War is ——surely is.

Well, just remember that February is about the only winter month we have in Wilmington.

Now there's your Uncle Charley Fairbanks whose frigid imperturbability is all the same in any crisis.

A relapse to barbarism depends on whether people can keep from getting bitter enough to become savages.

One can not share the inspiration of great minds unless he or she does a lot of thoughtful reading and studying.

Let's make every day a "New Day" for Wilmington. We can do that by not stopping to let any grass grow under our feet.

It is quite often the case that we need to be saved from some of our friends, but it is just as often the case that some of our friends need to be saved from us.

Some people actually believe that egotism is a sign of genius. As a matter of fact, genius never hangs out any sign but is recognized as a gift and not as a claim.

"It's a rare day that those who go down to the sea in ships do not report that they got a glimpse of a mysterious, low-lying ship that veered away and suddenly disappeared.

There are times when it is our move. We can't afford to stop when somebody is after our goat. "Wall, as Brer Fox said when he heard the dogs er comin', it's 'bout time for me ter be er gwine."

The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot says: "A Pennsylvania man declares that in the 60 years he has been married to his wife she has not said one unkind word to him." That must be a way he has of bragging about his complete obedience in all respects.

This is a time of all times when it is of immense importance that history be kept straight, the record be kept clear and that there be no mis-quotation, misrepresentation or muddling of the waters. If we should have to go to war, no American citizen ought to have to inquire for the reason.

The Robesonian gently warns its home folks that if they do not mind, Bladen county will get ahead of Robeson in the matter of good roads. It is gratifying, the way the counties are watching each other and vieing with one another these latter days in the matter of good roads progress. It was not always thus in North Carolina.

The Republicans in Congress thought they might make an issue of the peace message leak, but they must have lost all hope when the investigation revealed the fact that a Washington newspaper man confessed that he was responsible for the leak and that he arrived at his conclusion by induction. In other words, he sensed the thing by means of the trend of events. That is what we always suspected.

A correspondent sent an extract to a newspaper for publication, but the editor threw it into the waste basket because he considered it an impertinent reflection on his position with reference to the war in Europe. He did not recognize the extract as a literal quotation from the Bible, but it so aptly applied to the present war situation that the editor concluded that it was in conflict with his war sympathies. Of course, editors who are not familiar with the world's most wonderful book are liable to reject Biblical lore as matter contrary to the policy of their papers.

COMMUNITIES MUST LEARN TO THINK SOBERLY

The horrible mistake made by a lynching party in Georgia twelve months ago ought to be sufficient to impress upon communities that they must learn to think soberly in order to avoid acting in haste. Some time last year a Georgia sheriff was murdered and a mob gathered and lynched five negroes under the heatedly formed idea that they were the murderers. Jim Keith, the sixth negro under suspicion, would also have been lynched but he was saved by Worth county officers. Later, Jim Keith was tried in court, but public sentiment was so strong against him that he was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but the governor commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Innocent of the crime for which he was convicted, Jim Keith has been in the penitentiary for about a year, but recently the Supreme court granted him a new trial. He was easily acquitted and it also came out that the five negroes lynched were in no wise implicated in the murder of the sheriff. It was shown conclusively that Mozelle Lake, a negro who escaped, was the murderer. A white jury, acting in a moment of calm deliberation, has restored liberty to Keith, but there can be no earthly amends for the five innocent negroes who were murdered by the mob.

"What a commentary upon the accursed institution of lynching!" exclaims the Atlanta Constitution. Indeed that is true—too sadly true. The citizens who lynched five innocent negroes can now realize that they are murderers themselves and not their innocent victims. The white citizens who lynched them are criminals and they made themselves such. They committed a crime against the state of Georgia and brought reproach upon their state, but they brought an eternal stain upon themselves. There is no court that can absolve them of guilt, as the Georgia court has finally relieved Jim Keith. They will ever remain an aggregation of murderers, and every man of the mob must realize now that murder on the part of citizens is not punishment for murder. One murder has never justified another murder.

This incident ought to teach communities that they must think soberly. Hasty action by Georgia citizens resulted in a mistake of the most revolting character. In order to prevent such mistakes, the people must recognize that the law is the only safeguard for human life. Trusting to the law would have kept a guilty stain from the white men who lynched five negroes whose innocence is now clear.

HOW TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL

With the map of the boll weevil infected territory now taking in southern Georgia and extending to the edge of South Carolina, it is believed that the pest will invade the southwestern portion of the Palmetto state this season. Judging from the progress of the weevil in Georgia last season, it is predicted that North Carolina will be reached by the pest in two years, possibly three at the outside.

South Carolina farmers are seriously preparing for an invasion, and it is agreed that the best preparedness is in diversified agriculture and the livestock industry. In fact, that has been the remedy in the Gulf states and they are now independent of cotton and the weevil. Grain and forage crops and cattle, hogs and sheep have brought real prosperity to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas.

The most practical and methodical diversification is a matter for careful study by the farmers, and in the Charleston News and Courier of February 8, Mr. D. R. Coker, of Hartsville, outlines a crop method for offsetting the gradual abandonment of cotton in order to minimize the general damage that will be done by the weevils.

Mr. Coker, a scientific and experienced agriculturist, well known in North Carolina, declares that methodical crop rotation is just as profitable as cotton, and even more so when the rotation embraces the right crops. As he views it, every authority on the subject agrees: First—that the cotton crop should be reduced; second, that food crops should be increased; third, that the soil should be enriched before the boll weevil arrives. He then goes on to say that the average one-horse farmer now plants 20 acres of cotton and four acres of corn and oats, but he recommends that cotton acreage be cut down gradually and replaced with a company crop of corn and velvet beans, a valuable and readily useful and saleable product.

Mr. Coker suggests a farm formula as to acreage in each crop up to 1920, including information as to fertilization, cultivation, etc. He also suggests Abruzzi rye, clover and other cover crops. He says the worst weevil infected areas in South Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi are now using the 90-100 day velvet bean profitably, and he employs figures to show that corn and beans as company crops are just as profitable as cotton. He urges that the sure coming of the weevil warns farmers to diversify their crops and raise livestock, but here is a reason that he thinks ought to appeal to all sensible farmers:

"Another most compelling reason for greatly increasing the production of grains and live stock is the world war in which it seems this nation will be forced to become participant. A food famine threatens half the world and even this great food producing nation has no adequate surplus with which to relieve the necessity of other peoples, and is itself feeling most acutely the high cost of the necessaries of life. Both self-interest and patriotism should at this juncture induce every farmer in this country to produce all the food stuff possible."

Mr. Coker thinks the time merchants and the bankers ought to see that some wise rotation plan is carried out, and his article details suggestions to them along the line that they should proceed.

There are other rotation methods that the farmers, merchants and bankers should carefully study. There is money as well as prosperity in proper diversification.

WAR SHIPS CONVOY CARGO SHIPS

It is up to Great Britain to defend her commerce from Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare, and were she not able to do so it would be a sign of her weakness or her inability to handle her monster navy. However, John Bull knows his business and he has quietly proceeded on plans which show that Britain is neither helpless nor dependent on any protection than her own.

Those who are looking on are now able to discern what the Entente allies conceived as a counter against the ruthless submarine forays of the Teutons. Why, the Entente commerce is to be convoyed by warships. That has been quietly decided upon and the plain evidence of it is the Norfolk dispatch on Thursday that twenty-five ships loaded to the gunwales with munitions left Virginia ports for Entente ports. Twenty-five miles off shore a convoy of war ships picked up the cargo ships and will accompany them across the ocean.

The munition-laden ships had been rendezvousing at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay since last Sunday, and they were joined there by other ships from Baltimore, Newport News and other ports. It is said in shipping circles at Norfolk that the Entente allies have adopted a plan of convoying cargo boats in squadrons of ten or more hereafter. That is what might have been expected, and some interesting developments can reasonably be expected in the event that submarines show up for attack.

In the fleet of munitions ships which left Chesapeake Bay on Thursday there were British, French, Dutch, Danish, Swedish and Italian vessels, both sail and steam. They are expected to cross the ocean in from fifteen to twenty-one days. Since February 1 the German u-boats have sunk about seventy or seventy-five ships, including trawlers, but the convoy plan of the Entente is pretty apt to lesson the submarine danger henceforth.

It begins to appear that shutting England off from food supplies is not such an easy proposition, since the Entente commerce is to have the protection of the British, French and Italian navies.

STAYING THE HAND OF WILSON

Realizing the fearful responsibility that now rests upon President Wilson, the Manufacturers Record, using its cover page, thus addresses the President:

"To Woodrow Wilson:

"In this the supremest hour in the life of this Nation, and perchance in human civilization; in this hour, big with destiny, momentous beyond the human mind to grasp, the Nation on bended knee prays to Our Heavenly Father that strength of body and mind and wisdom from on high may be given to you.

"It is a solemn hour, so somentous that every right-thinking man stands appalled, as we come squarely to face the future, and as we get some vision of what may be ahead of us, and how the future of this Nation and of all civilization may be influenced through all time to come by what we now do.

"Every true-hearted American puts aside all questions, important at other times, but petty now, of political affiliation and of economic problems, and stands beside you to hold up your hands. The Nation realizes that the burden of responsibility is resting on you, and the Nation's sympathy is yours."

The Record regards this as "the most momentous hour in American history". Indeed, it is exceedingly momentous, but it should be remembered that even though the situation be grave at this time, President Wilson has faced a crisis of one sort or another during the last four years. He has had to deal with an ever present momentous situation, hardly less grave than the present one. There was during all these four years the very element embodied in the crisis which we now face.

We so regarded it all the time, and for that reason we have deplored the unsympathetic, unreasonable and seemingly irresponsible criticisms of the antagonistic portion of the press. Their opposition was serious indeed, but at last real crisis has come, and surely President Wilson needs the prayers and support of all patriotic Americans. That is what he should have had all along, but if he ever needed the sympathy and moral support of America now is the time above all times in the history of America. All along, the President has had the Nation's load to carry.

Mount Olive Quint Defeated.

Seven Springs, N. C., Feb. 9.—In a spirited game on Wednesday the local high school basketball team defeated the Mt. Olive quint by the score of 14 to 4. A large attendance witnessed the game. The local team has won every game played since Christmas, including one with the strong Pink Hill five. Principal Ketchum is coaching the local quintet.

Bishop Darst to Preach

Snow Hill, N. C., Feb. 9.—Bishop T. C. Darst, of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, will preach to the congregation of St. Barnabas' church Monday night.

CURRENT COMMENT.

That Wilmington was planning for a packin house was an accasion for much newspaper and public comment, and congratulations in the country tributary to Wilmington last fall. Our good neighbor on the east has gone even further than was expected of it. They are going to build not one, but two, packing houses in Wilmington, and do it right away. Both plants will be in operation with the coming of next fall.—Whiteville News Reporter.

G. Herbert Smith, an active and wealthy business man of Wilmington, has announced that he has procured a large tract of land near the city and will proceed to erect thereon a modern packing plant—the second which the city by the sea expects to have in early operation. Raleigh, more centrally located, is still trying for a packing plant after the subject has been discussed in all its details and thoroughly approved in every way except by the actual subscription of the stock to make it a reality. The territory which Raleigh would serve is in every way more accessible than that which Wilmington will reach. The markets which we would supply are greater, richer, readier than those which Wilmington can reply on. In the matter of freight rates Raleigh has a distinct advantage for the class of business which a packing plant would do. Yet Wilmington has one plant arranged for and a cool-headed and progressive business man ready to go into another one as an investment pure and simple. The apparent contrast is the sharper on account of the fact that the movement to establish the plant in Raleigh was started not only as a business which for every reason could be expected to prove profitable, but as a joint community effort at construction and upbuilding of Raleigh and the sections with which it trades and which are tributary to it. There is nothing in the Wilmington situation to suggest rivalry between the two cities; but there is a great deal in it for Raleigh people to think about and make the cause for self-examination.—Raleigh Times.

NEW WORLD RECORD FOR MOVIES

"Kansas City Star" Shows Marguerite Clark to 100,000 in Two Days

A new record in motion picture exhibtoins was established recently by the Kansas City Star when over 100,000 people crowded into Convention Hall in Kansas City to witness Marguerite Clark's performance of "Snow White" under the auspices of the Star in cooperation with the Paramount Pictures Corporation. The exhibition was a free one given for the benefit of the Orphan Homes and charitable institutions of Kansas City and adjacent towns and the public was invited without restriction.

This method of projection was unique ar four prints of the picture were run simultaneously upon four screens suspended from the roof of the hall in the form of a square. This is the first time that such a feat has been accomplished. An orchestra of fifty pieces furnished music for the performances which were staged at 10 a. m., 2 p. m., and 8 p. m. for the two days. Though the hall itself seated only 14,000, hundreds of people crowded itno the aisles before the police could shut the doors and the total attendance for the two days was in excess of 100,000.

Every walk of life was represented in this great audience though women and children predominated in the morning and afternoon sessions, the effort being to get the orphans and other city dependents to attend the daylight exhibitions. Every form of vehicle, from limousines to ice-wagons and motor trucks, was used in conveying the spectators to and from the hall, many large concerns offering their equipments to the Star for the purpose. Women and children began to cluster about the doors of the hall as early as eight in the morning and the huge auditorium was crowded by 9:30.

The affair is regarded as being particularly significant as an endorsement of clean pictures, this adaptation of the well known fairy tale by the Famous Players company having been selected by the Star as an example of the type of photoplay which should be shown to the people ofall ages and in all walks of life. Before the picture was shown, the Star obtained the endorsement of its selection from every organization in the city which is identified with the powerful "fetter pictures" movement. It is expected that this gigantic exhibition—the largest ever conducted under a single roof—will have a powerful effect in fighting the censorship agitation which is rife in Missouri and Kansas.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of John W. Cuoton, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of January, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 13th day of January, 1917.

CORNELIA CUOTON, Executrix.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. N. Royall, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against the said estate to present the same to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 3rd day of February, 1918, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make prompt payment.

N. N. ROYALL, Administrator.

Address, Rocky Mount, N. C.

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Elephant Grass Paper.

London, Jan. 30.—A folder sent here by the Uganda railway, printed on good paper, contains a note to the effect that the paper s made from elephant gras which grows in abundance in British East Africa and Uganda.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator C. T. A., of Sarah A. Parmele, late of Wilmington, N. C., I hereby give notice to all persons having claims against the estate of said Testatrix, to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 5th, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1917.

C. B. PARMELE, Administrator C. T. A. of Sarah A. Parmele.

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New Hanover Representative Points Out Superior Purchasing Power of Cash Dollar Over Credit Dollar. Others Discuss Matter.

To what extent is the "high cost of credit" responsible for the high cost of living in Wilmington? What is the difference between the purchasing power of the "credit" dollar and the "cash dollar?"

Representative L. Clayton Grant has said there is a very material difference between the value of a credit and cash dollar, and in a recent conversation with a Star man also declared that practice of consumers in buying their clothing, foodstuffs and other supplies on credit instead of paying cash, in Wilmington and elsewhere, is to a very large extent at the bottom of any solution of the continuous problem of the high cost of living.

To ascertain if there is a popular demand for the making of a change in the practice of local business men in doing a large amount of their business on credit and the substitution of the cash basis, which has effected important economies in many cities of the South. The Star asked opinions from various persons—those schooled in business, manufacturers, grocery store owners, merchants and just plain consumers.

Opinions Conflict.

Expressions of opinion or lack of opinions might be summarized thus:

The Grocer: It has been tried here and has generally proved a failure. Our patrons have gotten in the habit of doing their business on a credit, and if we change over to cash basis, they would leave us and go to our competitor, no matter whether they actually needed credit or not.

The Manufacturer: Practically all the business in the country is done on a credit basis. As long as this custom exists, the manufacturer will have to do business that way or he will do a very limited amount.

The Consumer: I'm for anything that will help me save money when purchasing, and I am of opinion that if people would pay cash for what they buy they would be able to buy cheaper in the long run—or at least when the practice became general. The business man's custom of selling on credit penalizes everybody, because bad debts and long-time credits are reflected in the prices he has to charge to make a profit. The system is caused to a large extent by the anxiety of the merchant to sell; he is willing to take the risk for the sake of doing an increased business.

The Drummer: I don't profess to know how it would work in Wilmington, but in Atlanta there is a chain of more than 40 grocery stores belonging to one concern, which sells about 10 per cent. under the prices charged by other stores in the city. It is doing a big and profitable business. I suppose there are many other cities, where cash stores have been a success, I could mention a few myself.

The Clerk: The boss makes us bill goods to customers who pay their accounts once a year at higher prices than the customers who pay every six months, and the man who pays once a month gets a reduction over the six-months' customer. That is to take care of the interest. As most people buy on credit, the customer gets little or no inducement in the way of reduced prices to buy otherwise.

TO GET OUT NEW DIRECTORY FOR CITY OF WILMINGTON

Representative of Hill Directory Co., of Richmond, Va., Is Here

Preparations for publishing a new directory of the city of Wilmington are now being made by the Hill Directory Company, of Richmond, Va., which has been getting out the directories for this city for a number of years past. A directory is gotten out for this city every two years. It will require several months to get the data together for the new edition.

Mr. W. H. Boyenton, a representative of the Richmond concern, arrived in the city yesterday. He discussed the matter with Secretary H. B. Branch of the Chamber of Commerce and will begin Monday soliciting advertisements for the publication. Several trained men will be brought to the city at an early date to compile the list of names.

MUCH WATER WASTED

Recent Cold Snap Results in Millions of Gallons Being "Leaked"

According to figures given out by the water department of the city yesterday, over two million gallons of water have been allowed to go to waste in the city, since the recent cold snap was ushered in. The normal pumpage has not been returned to as yet, and it is not expected that this will be done until the first of the coming week.

The pumpage for a number of days last week was as follows: Thursday, 2,727,000 gallons; Friday, 3,030,000; Saturday, 3,248,000; Sunday, 3,407,000; Monday, 3,538,000; Tuesday, 3,507,000; Wednesday, 3,273,000.

TO SELL ROYALL PROPERTY

Valuable Home Place of Late W. N. Royall to Be Auctioned Off

According to an announcement made yesterday, the valuable home place of the late W. N. Royall, Third near Chestnut street, will be sold at auction on Tuesday, February 13th, at noon by the United Realty Company and James & James. It will be divided into three lots, which will be sold on easy terms.

Donations to Kennedy Home.

The following donations were made to the Catherine Kennedy Home during the month of January: A friend, coffee; Mrs. Tom Bagley, groceries; Mrs. S. Bear, Sr., canned goods; Mrs. A. Shrier, donation; Mrs. John French, sandwiches; Mrs. H. F. Wilder, groceries; Mrs. L. K. Taylor, apples; Tuesday afternoon social, $5; Messrs. Bunting and Bellamy, drugs; Independent and Plate Ice companies, ice daily.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

DOUBLE MATCH LAST NIGHT

Hanson Won From One Opponent and Lost to Another—Will Wrestle Again Monday Night

Fritz Hanson, of Wilmington, took the measure of Tony Massino, an Italian light heavyweight wrestler, at Woolvin hall last evening in two straight falls and then lost a one fall match to Joe Nasser, a clever Syrian grappler, whom the Swede took on immediately following the conclusion of his bout with the Italian.

Massino succumbed to a crotch and half nelson in 12 1-4 minutes for the first fall, and gave up at the end of 25 minutes under the punishment of a jiu jitsu arm lock in the second fall. Then, without only five minutes rest Hanson took on Nasser and stayed with him for 56 1-4 minutes, when the Syrian got the decision with a body scissors and bar lock. Hanson asked Nasser for a return match, and Monday night was agreed upon, the bout to be for the gate receipts and a purse of $25.

Massino, who is much heavier than Hanson, weighing at least 175, looked to be a formidable opponent for the local man, but in science, speed and knowledge of the game he falls so far short of Hanson's class that it could hardly be called an interesting bout. Hanson took the aggressive at the outset, and at no time did he let the big Italian force him into dangerous quarters. At times the little Swede took his big opponent up bodily and "bumped" him so hard that the fans feared for the safety of the platform under the mat.

Nasser's work last night was chiefly spectacular from the standpoint of his ability to come out of dangerous positions. He is far better on defensive work than on the offensive, and seemingly his knowledge of holds is limited. But he is fast, agressive and wonderfully strong, as well as game to the core, and he is one of the few men who have succeeded in breaking Hanson's hammerlock. Time and again last night the Swede put the deadly hammer on his opponent, only to have Nasser break it with apparent ease. At one time Nasser broke a double hammerlock. As the time went on Hanson began to show the strain of wrestling two opponents in one night, and the fans were not greatly surprised when the Syrian took the fall at the end of 56 1-4 minutes with a body scissors and bar lock.

Both matches last night were good, and the fans enjoyed them. Massino can hardly be classed with Hanson, but Nasser is, in the opinion of the fans, at least well up in the Swede's class on defensive work. And while they recognize that his victory over the local man last night was not a fair test of his ability, by reason of the fact that before meeting him Hanson had wrestled for nearly 40 minutes with an opponent weighing about 20 pounds more than he did, still they feel that the Syrian is a mighty good man, and they look forward to seeing an interesting match when they meet again Monday night.

An effort is also being made to arrange a match for Wednesday night between Hanson and Pink Gardner, of Charlotte.

CIVIL SERVICE POSITIONS

Number of Examinations to be Held in Wilmington on March 7.

The Civil Service Commission announces a number of examinations to be held in Wilmington and other cities throughout the country on March 7 to secure a list of eligibles from which to fill positions in the classified service of the government. Full information may be secured by addressing the Civil Service Commission at Washington or to the secretary of the United States Civil Service Board at Wilmington.

Among the positions for which examinations will be held are the following: Assistant physicist, qualified in spectrotometry, male, salary from $1,400 to $1,800 a year; foundry helper, male, salary $720 a year; inspector of wagons and wagon material, male, salary $125 a month; manual training teacher, male, salary from $720 to $1,000 a year; scientific preparator, male, salary $1,200 a year; inspector, interstate commerce, male, salary $1,500 a year; assistant in wool investigations, male, $1,380 to $1,800 a year; inspector of hardware, male, $125 a month.

WILMINGTON MAY SOON HAVE DIVISION OF NAVAL RESERVES

Navy Department Writes Mr. W. M. Atkinson Concerning its Formation.

According to advices received from the Navy Department by Mr. W. M. Atkinson, a naval veteran of the Spanish-American war, Uncle Sam wants a naval reserve division in Wilmington.

There was formerly a division in this city but it was disbanded some time ago. Later an effort was made to revive it, and a number of young men of the city were in favor of joining, but the idea had to be abandoned on account of the fact that there was no boat available that could be utilized.

It is the opinion of Mr. Atkinson that in the event of war, the torpedo boat would be the most effective weapon that the United States government could use against submarine wrafare, and he believes that one of the old torpedo boats would be assigned to the local corps in event of tis organization.

He thinks that the Wilmington company, together with other companies of the coast, would be assigned the duty of patrolling the Carolina coasts in event of war with a torpedo boat. Many prominent men of the city are favorably impressed with the idea.

DESIRE TO REPLACE BUILDING

Committee of Union Institute Will Appreciate Any Contributions

The old students of Union School at Unionville, N. C., will regret to learn that the noted old institution was completely destroyed by fire on January 18. The school committee are anxious to replace the building with a modern structure as earl yas possible, and any contribution from any former student will be greatly appreciated. Messrs. A. D. N. Whitley, L. S. Griffin and D. A. Price are on the board of committeemen.

Moved to Wilmington.

Fayetteville Observer: "The people of this community regret the departure of Messrs. W. H. and Carl Dunn for Wilmington. For some years they conducted here a large wholesale grocery business and took an active part in public affairs, and they will be missed. The Observer wishes for them success in their new field."

THE PROBLEM OF MAKING MEN

Prison Paper Shows Need of Making Efficient Workers of Criminals. What McBride Did.

Making efficient men of those who are haled into court as criminals is a problem in which society as a whole is greatly interested. One of the ways in which this can be done was recently suggested by Capt. Thos. D. Meares, city clerk and treasurer for Wilmington, who believes that there should be a public defender as well as a public prosecutor in all courts.

That such an officer can accomplish great good is pointed out in a recent issue of the "Billboard," which is quoted with approval in the "Square Deal", a prison periodical, published by the inmates of the Kansas state penitentiary. The Billboard is a theatrical magazine and mentions Rolla McBride, public defender of Pittsburg, Pa., as doing much lyceum and chautauqua work of the sort that is more than worth while.

McBride's record of results is amazing. Floating derelicts, whom society brands as "crooks" and dismisses as hopeless, succumb to this applied Christianity with a ready heart, and go out to fight the battle of life with a clear eye and a determination to succeed.

It is worth while in this connection to mention that prison publications are chiefly interested in ways and means of making efficient men. For sheer optimism of the kind that is worth while one should take at least one of these weeklies and then there would be less pessimism in the world. Some of Public Defender McBride's platform sayings are quoted with approval in the prison weekly of the Kansas penitentiary, among them being the following:

"To reform a man, you must treat him like a man."

"Our half million dollar reformatories often offer only a university course in crime."

"When a man comes from jail he does not want to be preached at and told to be good. What he wants is a place to live and a job."

"Our present police court system, all over the country is making criminals, instead of correcting them."

"It is as logical to arrest a drunkard to make him better as it is to put a man in a garbage can to cure him of stomach trouble."

RED SOX AND AMERICANS WINNERS LAST NIGHT

Sox Had Hard Scrimmage But Americans Won With Greatest Ease

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Red Sox	3	2	.600
Americans	3	2	.600
Tigers	2	3	.400
Athletics	2	3	.400

The Y. M. C. A. basketball league treated its patrons to almost every kind of an exhibition last night. In the first game the Red Sox defeated the Tigers 33 to 26 in a hotly contested battle while in the second, the Americans smothered the Tigers, 51 to 22.

In the opening encounter it was anybody's battle until the finish and one that brought the spectators to their feet with its many thrilling plays. Sayres was the bright star of the game and was ably seconded by his teammates. The first period ended with the Tigers leaing 11 to 6. In the second the Redlegs forced their way back to the top, and then again their rivals forged ahead, only to be overtaken again.

The second was not a contest but a slaughter. The Americans simply ran away with their rivals and the only question about the outcome, was the size of the American score.

Tigers—Applewhite, Rhodes, Sares, Stein, LeGwin; Red Sox—Ruark, Farmer, Rich, Kelly, Davis. Goals—Applewhite 1; Rhodes 6; Sayres 3; Stein 3; Ruark 1; Farmer 3; Rich 5; Davis 1; Fouls—Sayres 2; Ruark 3.

Americans—Myers, Houston, Little, Solomon, Gallagher; Athletics—Davis, Fillyaw, McManus, Gerdes. Goals—Myers 11; Houston 7; Little 5; Solomon 1; Gallagher 1. Athletics—Davis 3; Fillyaw 3; Gerdes 5.

FOUR STILLS CAPTURED BY DEPUTY COLLECTOR KENNEDY

Wilmington Officer Returns From Raiding Trip to Duplin and Onslow.

Four stills were captured Thursday in Duplin and Onslow counties by United States Deputy Collector J. R. Kennedy, who returned to Wilmington yesterday. There was nobody "at home" when Deputy Kennedy and Officer T. Winberry, of Jacksonville, found the distilleries, but there was evidence that they had been recently in operation. However, weather conditions have not been favorable for making "monkey rum" in the last few days and the owners undoubtedly were taking an enforced vacation.

The four stills were found within a radius of five miles in a section 30 miles west of Jacksonville. Two were constructed of copper, being of 100 gallon and 75 gallon capacity respectively, while the other two were of steel of 65 and 30 gallon capacity. They were destroyed by the officers.

ANOTHER COLD SNAP HERE

Mercury Took Drop of 11 Degrees In 12 Hours Here Yesterday

After enjoying two days of warmth and sunshine, Wilmington is again in the throes of a cold wave. The latest chilly snap was ushered in yesterday morning, accompanied by a high wind, and indications are that it will stay with us for a few days, although the weather man has promised that the mercury will retain a higher altitude than it did last week.

There was a drop of 11 degrees in the temperature in Wilmington yesterday morning between the hours of 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. At 8 a. m. the mercury was hovering around 48, while 12 hours later it had dropped to 37. Predictions for today are to the effect that it will be fair and continued cold with rising temperature Sunday.

DEATH OF MRS. HOWARD

Mother of Wilmington Man Died at Hampstead Wednesday

News has been received in Wilmington of the death of Mrs. Catherine Howard, of this city, which occurred at her home in Hampstead on Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted from the residence by Mr. B. H. Sanders at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning, and the interment was made in the family burying ground. Mrs. Howard was 82 years of age and was a consistent member of the Union Methodist church. In addition to her son here, she is survived by another son, Mr. J. O. Howard, and several grand children.

PRICES UP 50 PER CENT

It Costs Wilmington Housewife 50 Per Cent. More to Set the Table Than It Did Two Years Ago.

"Chicago has 'nothing on' Wilmington when it comes to the price of foodstuffs. It used to be cheaper to live in a small town or moderate-sized city and this was mainly due to the fact that food was cheaper. So far as food prices are concerned, it costs just as much for many commodities right here in Wilmington as it does in any city in the country. It costs the Wilmington housewife approximately 50 per cent. more to set her table than it did two years ago."

So said a buyer for a local restaurant yesterday to a Star man, who asked him whether any foodstuffs had been "jacked up" within the past few days. Replying to the reporter's question, the buyer declared that such was decidedly the case, and that he had been forced to pay 75 cents each for hens on foot, while no turkeys were offered at any price, and that onions which he had often bought for about $1 a bushel, were now selling wholesale here for $5.50.

Even the ever-popular Irish potato, or spud, or it is better known in some sections, is selling on the Chicago and other leading markets at more than $2 a bushel. According to news dispatches, Irish potatoes sold in Chicago during the past week for $2.25 a bushel, and the high prices paid there were so high that they actually attracted shipments from England, which is devoting all unoccupied land to the growing of this important foodstuff.

If New Hanover farmers would do the same thing, it is pointed out, they could either sell enough at from $1.50 to $2 a bushel to buy the flour which is putting such a crimp in their pocketbooks, or they could substitute potatoes for flour in their daily menu to a great extent.

COLLECTS BRUNSWICK TAXES IN CITY OF WILMINGTON

Sheriff J. E. Robinson Spent Yesterday Gathering in Shekels

Collecting taxes for Brunswick in Wilmington would seem to imply that this city has been annexed to that county, but Sheriff J. E. Robinson, of Southport, who was here yesterday, declares that such is not the case, even though he gets more taxes here than he does out of any township there.

Many Wilmington business men own property in Brunswick county and those who fail to remit by check are sure to have a visit from Sheriff Robinson along about this time of the year. That was his business here yesterday and he collected a large number of shekels to go into the coffers of the county treasury.

Sheriff Robinson is now making a round of Brunswick on a tax collecting tour and yesterday was the day assigned to Wilmington. The genial sheriff is always given a warm welcome in this city, where he has many friends.

CONGRESSMAN GODWIN WILL TRY TO GET MAILS RESTORED

To Take Up With Postoffice Department Discontinuance of Sunday Service.

Congressman H. L. Godwin has written the secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce that he will immediately take up with the proper division of the Postoffice Department at Washington the discontinuance of Sunday mail service on Seaboard passenger trains No. 19 and No. 20 with a view to gtting this service restored and that he will later make a report of the results of his labor.

The Seaboard trains are the only ones on which Sunday mail service has been discontinued recently. Pouches are made up for a number of the towns along the line at the Wilmington postoffice. It was announced that Sunday mail service would be discontinued on Atlantic Coast Line trains No. 43 and No. 49 but no such orders have ever been issued and in view of the strong protest that has been made by local organizations it is not expected that there will be.

SPECIAL WINTER REUNION

Degrees From Fourth To Eighteenth to Be Given by Wilmington Lodges

The first sessions of a special winter reunion of the Wilmington lodges of Scottish Rite Freemasonry will be held at the Masonic Temple this afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock when Johnson Blakely Lodge of Perfection will confer the degrees from the fourth to the fourteenth. This will be followed by a banquet to be served at 7:15 o'clock.

Beginning promptly at 8 o'clock Cape Fear chapter Rose Croix will confer the degrees from the fifteenth to eighteenth inclusive.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

Will Probably Adjourn at Noon Today Until Monday Morning.

Some progress was made yesterday in the examination of additional witnesses in the case of Mr. J. P. Quelch and others against Mr. D. K. Futch, an action involving title to some 40 acres of land near Wrightsboro station, which is being tried before Judge W. M. Bond in Superior Court. Like all land suits, it is likely to be a long-drawn-out affair, and will probably last into next week's session. Court will probably adjourn at noon today, in order to give jurors who have been serving all week a chance to attend to their business affairs.

ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE DOES IT.

When your shoes pinch or your corns and bunions ache so that you are tired all over, get Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes and sprinkled in the foot-bath. It will take the sting out of corns and bunions and give instant relief to Tired, Aching, Swollen, Tender feet. Over 100,000 packages are being used by the German and Allied troops at the front. Sold everywhere, 25c. *Don't accept any substitute.*

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FRIDAY - SATURDAY SPECIALS

Our Friday-Saturday Special Sales have become a fixed Bargain Event in the minds of almost every thrifty shopper in this vicinity. Every one looks forward to "what will be featured next." This week you will find some of the greatest values we have ever offered. Read below:

YARD WIDE PERCALES at 10¢

Yard wide good quality light Percales, slightly seconds, worth now 15c per yard at any good store; Friday-Saturday price .....10¢

27-in. DRESS GINGHAMS at 10¢

27-inch nice Dress Ginghams, all the new spring patterns, value 12½c; Friday-Saturday price .....10¢

MEN'S 50c UNDERWEAR at 38¢

Men's Fine Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, was worth 50c in normal times, now worth 65c; sale price Friday and Saturday .....38¢

MEN'S $1.25 OVERALLS at 98¢

Men's $1.25 Fast Indigo Blue Overalls, full cut, suspender back, all sizes; special .....98¢

CHILDREN'S SCHOOL DRESSES at 59¢

Children's Percale and Gingham Dresses, all sizes from 3 to 12 years; nice assortment of styles; special .....59¢

$1.00 MIDDY BLOUSE at 79¢

$1.00 Middy Blouse, small and medium sizes, white or colored collars; Friday and Saturday price .....69¢

$5.00 WOOL BLANKETS at $3.95

$5.00 all Wool Blankets, white ground with pink or blue border, big size, per pair $3.95

WOMEN'S $2.50 SHOES at $1.69

Women's Patent Blucher and Button Shoes, only a few pairs of a kind, but all sizes in lot; special price.....$1.69

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Miss Dorothy Newkirk, of Hamlet, is visiting relatives in the city.

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Mrs. E. E. Hunter is visiting relatives in Athens, Ga.

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Miss Sallie Oldham of this city, gave a recital in Goldsboro last night.

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Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown, of Fairmont, were guests yesterday at the Orton.

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Mrs. Lawrence Applewhite, who has been visiting in the city, has returned home.

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Little Miss Gladys Miller is spending several weeks with relatives in Richmond, Va.

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Miss Alma Scott, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting in the city, has returned to her home.

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Miss Annie Casteen, who has been visiting relatives in Rocky Mount, has returned to the city.

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Mrs. Herbert Hughes and Miss Gladys Brady have returned from a trip to various points in Florida.

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Miss Cora Griffin, of Petersburg, Va., who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, has returned home.

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Mrs. Edward G. Swain, who has been spending some time in Wilmington, has returned to her home in Philadelphia, Pa.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Grange, of Atlanta, Ga., who have been visiting relatives here, are spending some time in Fayetteville.

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Mr. Marshall Shrier and sister, Miss Debia, are on a combined business and pleasure trip to New York, Chicago and Boston.

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Mrs. Aubrey Parsley, who has been visiting Mrs. Henry M. Parsley in Fayetteville, has returned to her home in this city.

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The many friends of Mrs. J. W. Moss, No. 421 South Fourth street, will learn with regret that she is confined to her room.

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Mrs. D. B. Jordan and daughter, Hettie Jane, returned yesterday from Atlanta, Ga., where they visited Mrs. Jordan's sister, Mrs. J. F. Hodges.

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Mrs. Oscar Starling, of Wade, who has been visiting relatives in the city, has returned to her home. Her niece, Miss Dorothy Bowden, accompanied her.

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Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Miss Virginia Murchison, of Wilmington, was in the city yesterday en route to visit friends at Warrenton."

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Yesterday's Greensboro News: "Col. G. H. Bellamy, of Brunswick county, was here yesterday at noon, returning from a visit to relatives at Kernersville."

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Mrs. Charles Crowell and two children, of Baden, N. C., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Crowell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Webber, No. 510 Ann street.

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Mrs. M. A. Pennington leaves today for Tampa, Fla., where she will spend some time. On her return she will visit her nephew, Mr. J. B. Fontaine at Lakeland, Fla.

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Mrs. Oliver Carter, who lives at Lingo City, has been called to Memphis, Tenn., to be at the bedside of her brother, Mr. Louis Clift, who is not expected to live.

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Lumberton Robesonian: "Mrs. J. G. Ray and son, Master Edward, of Wilmington, have been guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Allen, Walnut street, since Monday night."

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Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McKee, of Freeport, Pa., grandparents of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Christie, of this city, are spending a while with them at their home, No. 617 Princess street. Mr. McKee is editor of the Freeport Journal, and The Star had the honor of a visit from him yesterday.

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Miss Angy Manning Taylor, who has so successfully conducted classes in Bible study at Hemenway school this week, will address the Philathea class of the First Baptist Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning. All who are interested are invited to hear Miss Taylor on this occasion.

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Miss Angy Manning Taylor, who is now delivering a series of Bible lectures at the Hemenway school each afternoon, will speak at the vesper services of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She will make an address in the gymnasium of the association on the subject of "The Intellectual and Spiritual Value of Bible Study." All the women of the city are cordially invited to attend.

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WHITEVILLE CLUB WOMEN ENJOY DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Whiteville, N. C., Feb. 9.—Mrs. R. C. Sadler was hostess to the literary department of the Woman's Club at her home here from 3:30 to 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon. An excellent paper on Christine Tiernan (Christian Reid) was presented by Miss Annie Reade Lewis and beautiful descriptive paragraphs from "Bonnie Kate" were read by Mrs. D. J. Lewis. This was followed by a biographical sketch of Thomas Dixon, Jr., and an interesting selection from "The Clansman," by Mrs. H. L. Lyon.

Following this programme the guests were ushered into the dining room where beautifully appointed tables were arranged for twenty. This room was lovely in its decorations of pink carnations and ferns, while the other rooms were made attractive with pink japonicas and smilax. While delicious courses were served, Mrs. A. Elmo Powell, in her usual charming manner, presided as toastmaster.

She toasted the guest of honor, Mrs. R. C. Carson, as the "Club's Friend." Mrs. L. V. Grady was then presented and gave toasts to "Our Chairman," Mrs. Seth L. Smith, and "Our Hostess," Mrs. R. C. Sadler, in appropriate rhyme of appreciation. Mrs. Sadler then gracefully toasted all present.

The following visitors were present: Mesdames R. C. Carson, R. B. Whitaker, Carter Grundy, of Richmond; A. S. Barnes, of Raleigh; T. C. Johnson, of Lumberton; Walter Powell, R. F. Sanderson, Miss Ileta Gilmer Lemsberg, West Virginia; Miss Sue Powell and Miss Mary Lou Powell.

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ENTERTAINMENT IS GIVEN BY BIBLE CLASS AT HOME

The members of Mrs. Charles Fore's Bible class of Grace Methodist church gave a very pleasing entertainment last night at the Catherine Kennedy Home, which was highly appreciated by the ladies who make their homes there.

An attractive musical programme was a feature of the entertainment. Miss Margaret Beery was the accompanist for the vocal selections, while Miss Martin rendered a number of selections on the piano. A very attractive violin solo was rendered by Miss Omah Williams. Miss Dorothy Boone recited a very attractive selection.

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MISS TAYLOR IS GUEST OF HONOR AT MEETING OF WOMEN

Miss Angy Manning Taylor was the guest of honor yesterday afternoon at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. James' Parish in the parish house. She made an inspiring and helpful talk to the women, after which a reception was given in her honor. All the women who have been attending the Bible lecture by Miss Taylor at the Hemenway school were invited to attend.

Members of the auxiliary and Miss Taylor formed the receiving line and after all had the opportunity of meeting the guest of honor, tea and sandwiches were served. A pleasing feature of the reception was the singing of a solo by Miss Williams.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. Neal O. McDuffie, representing the Ajax-Grieb Rubber Company, of New York, is here for a few days business visit.

Southport News: "Mr. J. A. Loughlin, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with relatives in Southport.———Mr. Charles Hewett was a visitor in Wilmington this week."

—Mr. W. H. West, who has been confined to his room for the past several days, has sufficiently recovered to resume his duties at the Hotel Wilmington, his many friends will be glad to learn.

—Mr. M. G. Vann, of the Ohio State University at Columbia, Ohio, and formerly superintendent of the Salem Sanitary Milk Co., of Salem, Ohio, has assumed his duties as manager of the A. G. Warren Milk Co., of this city.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Orton yesterday were: E. A. Hawes, Jr., Atkinson; A. W. Campbell, Town Creek; G. T. Page, Lumberton; B. B. Anderson, Tabor; O. M. Page, Barnesville; J. F. Bussells, Southport, and C. K. Murry, Wallace.

—Mr. R. H. Pickett, of this city, has received an invitation to attend a Masonic convocation at Alexandria, Va. Hon. Carter Glass, a member of the Virginia delegation in Congress, and Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, former speaker of the House, will be among the speakers for the occasion.

Clinton Democrat: "Mr. Murray Cox, of Wilmington, came up to be with his father in his last illness.———Mr. J. L. Kerr made a business trip to Wilmington the past week.———Mr. Parkham returned to his home in Wilmington on Monday after holding services in the Episcopal church.———Mr. Herbert Hobbs, of Wilmington, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hobbs, this week.———Mr. Robert Grady, of Wilmington, was in Clinton the past week on business.

—Among the North Carolina arrivals at the Hotel Wilmington yesterday were noted the following: C. C. Hines, Holly Ridge; J. R. Williamson, Cerro Gordo; T. C. Hand, Greensboro; M. Moore, Farmville; D. W. Davis, Goldsboro; G. E. Fisher, D. E. Balta, A. H. Whitte, G. W. Coly, C. K. Williams, Rocky Mount; P. A. Oles, Elizabethtown; G. E. Norman, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lucas, Councils; M. Y. Margolis, Warsaw; W. D. Douglas, Charlotte.

THINKS ILL TREATING WOMEN OUGHT TO BE PUNISHED

Recorder Harriss Says He Will Not Be Lenient With Such Offenders.

In announcing his decision to sentence R. S. Haddock, white, to a term of six months on the county roads, with the privilege to the commissioners to hire out on a charge of assaulting his wife, Recorder George Harriss stated in his court yesterday morning that he was not disposed to be lenient with men brought before him for cruelty to their wives. The court reviewed the evidence in the case, pointing out that Mrs. Haddock had stated that the treatment complained of had extended over a period of several years.

The court thought that where there is incompatibility of temperament, so that a man cannot live with his wife without treating her cruelly, he should least get out of her way as the world is big enough, thought the court, for them to live separately.

Martin Mingo, alias Henry Smith, colored, was the worst sufferer among the other defendants yesterday morning. He drew down two months for larcency and one month for an assault with a deadly weapon. Other cases disposed of were: J. A. Clark, passing worthless check, costs; Alice Smith, colored, vagrancy, and E. H. Sexton, white, assault on a female, continued until today.

Maj. Waldron Goes to Illinois.

Maj. A. E. Waldron, in charge of the Wilmington engineering district, left last night for Winthrop, Ill., to close a contract with the Willard Boat-Building Company, for the construction of the dredge tender "Manteo." The tender will be used when completed in the New Bern sub-district.

PYTHIANS PLAN CELEBRATION

Wilmington Lodges Will Have Speaker of National Prominence at Observance of Anniversary

The 53rd anniversary of the founding of the order of the Knights of Pythias will be appropriately observed by the three Wilmington lodges during this month with a joint celebration at which it is planned to have an officer of the Supreme Grand lodge. The date for the exercises has not been decided upon definitely but it will be the latter part of this month.

Mr. J. D. Kelly has been appointed chairman of the joint committee on arrangements from the three lodges. He is now in correspondence with an officer of the Supreme Grand Lodge and the programme for the exercises will be announced in the next day or so.

In connection with the observance of the anniversary there will also be celebrated the anniversary of the founding of the insurance department of the order. It is hoped to have also an officer of this department present at the exercises here.

The first Pythian lodge to be organized in North Carolina was Stonewall, No. 1, of Wilmington, which now has a large membership. Clarendon lodge, No. 2, was the second to be organized in the State and a few years ago Jefferson lodge, No. 61, was organized. There is perhaps no town or city in the State in which there is more interest shown in the Pythian order than in Wilmington.

Two years ago it was decided to erect a permanent Castle hall for the three lodges and as a result the handsome building on Princess street was erected. The third floor of this building has been handsomely equipped for the work of the organization.

In connection with the celebration of the anniversary, there will be a musical programme and refreshments will also be served.

ASSOCIATED CHARITIES HAS MANY REQUESTS FOR WORK

Cold Weather Increases Need But Condition in Wilmington Not Serious.

Many requests for work are received every day at the headquarters of the Associated Charities in the basement of the court house, according to the secretary, Miss Carrie Price, who stated last night that it is not possible to find employment for all the applicants. While the cold weather of the last week has increased the calls for help, necessarily increasing the expenses, the suffering is not greater than usual.

If there is one thing that needs to be impressed more forcibly than anything else, says Miss Price, it is that people having homes in the country should remain there unless they have something definite in prospect by moving to Wilmington. Only yesterday she had brought to her attention a family which recently moved to the city from the country. This family was in dire need of the necessities of life such as food and clothing with no means in sight of providing them. Miss Price furnished them with food but will be unable to continue to support them.

Adjutant Yates, of the Salvation Army says that while he has found no more needy cases in the city than usual on account of the cold weather there is a need especially for bedding. The cold spell naturally brought about more sickness.

Adjutant Yates receives more calls for fuel than anything else. Yesterday he found an old lady who had neither food nor wood. Her condition was desperate but fortunately Adjutant Yates was able to find means of ministering to her wants.

HEADQUARTERS IN WILMINGTON

Mr. Frank D. Fuller Proposes to Establish System of Self-Service Cafes.

Mr. Frank D. Fuller, of Richmond, Va., who arrived in the city this week, said last night that he had discussed his plan of establishing a system of self-service cafes throughout the Carolinas and Georgia with the headquarters in Wilmington with a number of business men of this city and that he had received assurance of sufficient cooperation to start operations within a short time.

Mr. Fuller proposes to put in a self-service cafe in Wilmington, which will be a part of the general system. The excellent advantages offered by Wilmington as a distributing ponit on account of the low water rate from New York and other Northern cities. Mr. Fuller states, makes it an ideal city for the headquarters of the general organization he proposes to form.

Mr Fuller will take up the proposition with other business men of the city and hopes to have his plans for organization completed within the next few days. Mr. Fuller is staying at the Orton.

DEATH OF MRS. SCHACHNER

Widow of Late G. S. Schachner Passed Away at Home In Charlotte

Wilmington friends of Mrs. Katherine Schachner will regret to learn of her death, which occurred Thursday evening at her home in Charlotte after an illness of seven weeks. The funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock from St. Peter's Catholic church in Charlotte, of which Mrs. Schachner was a faithful member.

Mrs. Schachner was born in Baden, Germany, March 25, 1843, and was in her seventy-fourth year. Her family moved from Germany to the United States in 1881. She had been a resident of Charlotte for 22 years. She was the widow of G. Schachner, who died in 1914, and the mother of C. E. Schachner, of Monroe, who died last month. Surviving are four children: J. F. and J. A. Schachner, Mrs. T. Shelby, and Miss Odealia Schachner, all of Charlotte.

INCREASE IN POSTAGE ON NEWSPAPERS IS PROPOSED

Senate Committee Recommends One-Cent Postage on Drop Letters.

Washington, Feb. 9.—An immediate increase from one to one and a half cents a pound in the postage rate on newspapers and periodicals for this year and two cents a pound next year is provided in the postoffice appropriation bill ordered reported to the Senate today by the postoffice committee.

The Senate committee also recommended an amendment reducing after July 1, 1917, the rate on drop letters to one cent an ounce in cities where there is carried service and also on rural routes.

Senator Bankhead's amendment to prohibit liquor advertisements from the mails in prohibition states also was incorporated in the bill.

SUNDAY SERVICES

First Presbyterian church, corner Third and Orange streets, Rev. John M. Wells, D. D., pastor.—Preaching in the morning at 11. Subject: "The Third Commandment." Preaching in the evening at 8. Subject: "His Loving Care." Dr. Wells will conduct both services. Sunday school in the morning at 9:45. Christian Endeavor in the evening at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8. Pews are free and all are cordially invited to attend all services.

Bethany Presbyterian church.—Services tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30. Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30. Visitors cordially invited to attend the services.

Winter Park Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services tomorrow evening at 7:45, conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 3:30. Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evtning at 7:45. Visitors will find a hearty welcome.

Delgado Presbyterian church, Rev. Andrew J. Howell, pastor.—Services tomorrow evening at 7:30. Sunday school at 10:15. Mid-week services Thursday evening at 7:30. Residents of the neighborhood cordially invited to attend the services.

LOCAL DOTS

—There will be a volley ball game tonight in the Y. M. C. A. between the fifth floor men and an aggregation composed of men from all other floors.

—Southport News: "Dr. T. P. Noe, of Wilmington, will hold services at the Episcopal church next Sunday, both morning and night."

—The Clyde Line steamer Cherokee, New York to Wilmington, cleared from the metropolis Thursday afternoon, and is due to arrive here either Saturday night or Sunday morning.

—Snow, accompanied by rain, fell for a few minutes in Wilmington yesterday afternoon, shortly after 2 o'clock. The flakes were so scattering as to be scarcely noticed by pedestrians.

—The fire department was called out last night at 8 o'clock on account o fthe explosion of an oil stove in a residence at Twelfth and Market streets. There was no damage of any consequence and the services of the firemen were not needed. The call was sent in from box 54.

—The fire department received two calls yesterday, one to a burning chimney in a house owned by E. P. Bailey, No. 22 South Front street and another to a grass plot that was on fire at Fifteenth and Grace street. No damage was done in either case.

WANTS GRAIN INSPECTOR

Would Be of Inestimable Value to Local Dealers, Says Mr. Warner

For the first time since the grain inspection law went into effect, Inspector E. N. Warner, of Jacksonville, Fla., who is in charge of this district, spent Thursday in the city. In company with Secretary H. B. Branch, of the local Chamber of Commerce, he visited all the local grain dealers.

Mr. Warner is of the opinion that a Federal inspector in Wilmington would mean a great saving to local dealers. It was pointed out that nearly a million bushels of grain are annually shipped into Wilmington, for the most part from the Western states, and the fact that there is no inspector here makes Wilmington the dumping ground for the western dealers.

He assured the local dealers that if they had an inspector here that their grain would be shipped them on Wilmington terms. It is probable that an effort will be made to secure an inspector for the local port.

Southport News: "Mr. G. Preston Holden, of Wilmington, was in the city for a short while Tuesday. Mr. Holden anticipated opening an insurance office in Southport, but has decided not to do so for the present."

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON IS SLIGHTLY LOWER

Business Volume Smaller and Fluctuations Less Violent—Prices Decline 1 to 12 Points

New York, Feb. 9.—The cotton market showed continued irregularity today but the volume of business was smaller and fluctuations were less violent. May contracts broke from 15.64 to 15.43, closing at 15.54 with the general list closing steady at a net decline of 1 to 12 points. New crop positions were relatively easy during the entire day.

Liverpool was steady but the opening here was irregular at an advance of 4 points to a decline of 8 points. An early setback under scattered realizing was followed by a bulge during the middle of the morning on a report that Ambassador Gerard would leave Berlin Saturday. These advices by no means relieved anxiety as to the final outcome of the political situation or the effect of the submarine campaign on shipping, however, and the market soon turned easier. There was a little flurry of local selling during the early afternoon which sent present crop positions off to a net loss of 15 points with March selling at 15.30 and July at 15.52. Later deliveries broke about 14 to 20 points from last night's closing figures but moderate liquidation was soon absorbed and losses were partly recovered in the later trading. Business was very quiet during the entire day with the tendency to even up commitments increased by the proximity of the two day adjournment.

	Open	High	Low	Clos.
March.	15.49	15.50	15.30	15.40
May.	15.64	15.64	15.43	15.54
July.	15.67	15.73	15.51	15.62
October.	15.50	15.56	14.35	15.43
December.	15.64	15.69	15.55	15.57

Spot, quiet; middling 15.50. No sales.

PORT MOVEMENT.

New Orleans—Middling 17.19; receipts 2,148; sales 1,500; stock 436,886.

Galveston—Middling 16.00; receipts 7,958; sales 466; stock 310,201.

Mobile—Receipts 555; stock 12,711.

Savannah—Middling 18.50; receipts 309; stock 180,630.

Charleston—Receipts 150; stock 57,515.

Wilmington—Middling 16.00; receipts 27; stock 51,800.

Norfolk—Middling 16.00; receipts 485; sales 49; stock 99,659.

Baltimore—Receipts 1,537; stock 11,317.

Boston—Middling 15.55; receipts 407; stock 12,184.

Philadelphia—Middling 15.75; receipts 91; stock 3,915.

New York—Middling 15.50; receipts 79; exports 1,000; sales 400; stock 162,497.

Minor Ports—Receipts 4,177; stock 67,076.

Atlanta (semi-weekly)—Stock 76,068.

Total today—Receipts 17,933; exports 1,000; stock 1,046,400.

Total for week—Receipts 106,552; exports 77,262.

Total for season—Receipts 5,663,800; exports 3,823,385.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Middling 15.65; receipts 4,881; shipments 5,355; sales 1,449; stock 169,966.

Memphis—Middling 17.00; receipts 2,643; shipments 1,291; sales 75; stock 347,190.

Augusta—Middling 16.13; receipts 956; shipments 364; sales 86; stock 120,622.

St. Louis—Middling 17.00; receipts 995; shipments 537; stock 30,753.

Cincinnati—Receipts 351; shipments 604; stock 23,589.

Little Rock—Middling 17.00; receipts 291; shipments 365; stock 35,082.

Dallas—Middling 15.40; sales 1,135.

Montgomery—Middling 16.00; sales 25

Total today—Receipts 10,122; shipments 8,516; stock 780,202.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Feb. 9.—Spot cotton steady; good middling 10.66; middling 10.56; low middling 10.38; sales 10,000 bales; 1,000 for speculation and export; receipts 42,000 bales.

Futures quiet and steady: February 10.15; January and March 10.13; March and April 10.11; April and May 10.05; May and June 10.03; June and July 9.98; July and August 9.94; August and September 9.76; September and October 9.56; October and November 9.44; November and December 9.38; December and January 9.36; January and February 9.34; February and March 9.34.

DR YGOODS MARKET.

New York, Feb. 9.—Government army authorities have called for bids for about 9,000,000 yards of cotton goods and 2,000,000 yards of wool goods. This has had a strengthening effects on he markets. Print cloths and sheetings were selling at lower prices. Yarns were irregular and in better inquiry. Wool markets were firm, dealers doing considerable trading among themselves and bringing about a readjustment of stocks.

LIVERPOO LCOTTON STATISTICS

Liverpool, Feb. 9.—Weekly cotton statistics: Total forwarded to mills 94,000, American 76,000; stock 881,000, American 742,000; imports 91,000, American 80,000; exports 400.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

Week-End Liquidation is Against Prices—Loss of 1 to 18 Points

New Orleans, Feb. 9.—Liquidation of contracts over the week-end and double holidays was against values to a moderate extent in the cotton market here today. The net change for the session was a loss of 1 to 18 points. A steadying influence was the report that Entente warships were convoying merchantmen across the Atlantic. The continued uncertainty of the international political situation still tended to restrict business.

Around the opening prices were 4 to 5 points off after which a demand developed which put prices 2 to 4 points above yesterday's close. Offerings increased apparently from longs who were letting go, and gradually the market fell to a net loss of 9 to 17 points. The new crop months were at their lowest on the close. Futures closing bid:

March 15.11; May 15.07; July 15.18; October 14.90; December 15.02. Spot, nominal and unchanged. Sales on the spot 1,300; to arrive 200; middling 17.19.

WEEKLY COTTON REVIEW

Activity Diminished and Price Movements Narrower Due to German Submarine Blockade

New York, Feb. 9.—The extraordinary excitement and record-breaking fluctuations caused by the German blockade announcement have been followed by diminishing activity and narrower price movements in the cotton market the past week. Before the close Monday May sold up to 16.01 making a recovery of $17.50 per bale from the low level of the previous Thursday. The buying on this advance consisted largely of covering, and after it had run its course business tapered off. Fluctuations since then have been extremely nervous and irregular.

The large amount of tonnage destroyed since the beginning of the submarine campaign has naturally caused more or less anxiety as to the export outlook and there was a sharp falling off in clearances for the week. Prices have also shown a tendency to fluctuate with the political tension but in a general way the week's movements have been considered a reflection of general nervousness in a steadily narrowing market.

Foreign trade interests, including Japanese houses, hav ebeen credited with buying new crop months and there have been further buying by Liverpool. Very little hedge selling has been reported. Buyers on declines have evidently been impressed by the probability of large government purchases of coarse cotton goods and many bullish arguments have been heard as to the effect on cotton values should this country actually be forced into the war. Generally speaking, however, the tendency has been to reduce commitment and local brakers said the market was very closely evened up at the close of the week.

MARINE.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington, North Carolina.

Steamers.

Str. Nicaria (Ger.), 6,388 tons, Hollasch, Heide & Co.

Str. Kiel (Ger.), 2,872 tons, Lemke, Heide & Co.

Str. Clothilde Cuneo (Nor.), 630 tons, Juel, Heide & Co.

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, Feb. 9.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—50c.

ROSIN—$5.60, $5.35.

TAR—$2.75-12c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—$4.00, $4.00, $3.00.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, $5.00, $4.90; tar, $2.00-9c; crude turpentine, $3.75, $3.75, $2.75.

RECEIPTS:

Spirits Turpentine	(—)
Rosin	(—)
Tar	5
Crude Turpentine	4

Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 5 casks; rosin, 22 barrels; tar, 16 barrels; crude turpentine, (—) barrels.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—16c; same day last year, 11⅝c.

Receipts—17 bales; same day last year 179 bales.

Total receipts since August 1 to date, 77,056 bales.

Total receipts to same date last year, 145,680 bales.

BY RIVER AND RAIL

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday.

February 9, 1917.

Atlantic Coast Line—17 bales cotton; 5 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—17 bales cotton; 5 barrels tar; 4 barrels crude turpentine.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Purchase price quoted by W. J. Meredith, Feb. 9.)

SWEET POTATOES—Yams, new, 70c to 80c bushel.

IRISH POTATOES—$2.00 per bu.

CORN—$1.15 to $1.17½ per bu.

BEEF—Native dressed, 9c. to 10c.

PORK—Small, 10c. to 12c. per pound.

WOOL—Burry, 20 to 22 1-2c; first class wool, 20c. to 35c.; highest grade, washed wool, 38c.

HIDES—Green, salt, 18c. to 20c.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON — Old hams, 25c.; sides and shoulders, 25c. per lb.; good demand.

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c. per pound; good demand.

POULTRY—Turkeys, 20c. to 22½c. on foot; dressed, 25c. to 27½c. lb.; chickens, grown, 45c. to 50c.; spring, 20c. to 25c. head.

EGGS—Dull, 32c to 34c.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)

Wilmington, Feb. 9.—North Carolina peanuts, new crop, farmers' stock, fancy hand-picked, $4.15; No. 1, machine, $4.12 per bushel.

Virginia peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, Jumbos, 80c.; fancy hand-picked, 75c.; No. 1, machine picked, 65c.

Spanish peanuts, farmers' stock, new crop, No. 1, small, machine picked, $1.25; Jumbos, $1.20 per bushel.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET.

(Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc.)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 9.—Spanish—Farmers' stock—Market steady, $1.45 per bu.

Virginias, Farmers' stock—Market steady. Fancy Jumbo 4½c per lb.; Extra Prime, 4¼c per lb.; Prime, 4c per lb.; Shelling Stock, 3 to 3¾c per lb.

COTTON SEED OIL MARKET.

New York Feb. 9.—While quiet, the cotton seed oil market was firm and higher on demand from shorts in nearby deliveries on the strength in lard and other competing products. Final prices were 14 points higher on February and 1 to 6 up on the balance. Sales 2,600 barrels.

Market closed firm. Spot 12.66 bid; February 12.74 to 12.85; March 12.61 to 12.63; April 12.22 to 12.32; May 12.24 to 12.25; June 12.23 to 12.26; July 12.20 to 12.25; August 12.19 to 12.21; September 12.10 to 12.16.

STOCKS LOWEST OF WEEK

Operations Almost at the Minimum, Rails Show Early Improvement But Later Reacted.

New York, Feb. 9.—Lowest prices of the week and for a much longer period in some noteworthy instances, were registered today on almost a minimum of operations. Every part of the securities list was affected except a few specialties in the equipment class.

Washington was the center of interest and Wall Street buzzed with rumors and gossip bearing upon the probable course of international events.

Rails were slightly better during the forenoon but relief was only temporary, transportation shares falling back with the general market at lowest levels in the last hour, though rallying slightly at the close.

Trading in bonds was light but almost entirely at recessions. The Anglo-French 5's made an extreme decline of a half point to the new low record of 90 3-4 and the latest United Kingdom issue fell to a new minimum. Speculative railway bonds, especially the convertibles also receded. Total bond sales, par value, $3,660,000.

Little significance attached to the relatively minor advances in Bethlehem Steel, oils, Central Leather and prominent equipments, most of which were shaded later.

Rubles and lires lost some of the recent strength but other foreign remittances were not materially altered.

United States registered 4's declined 1 per cent., coupon 4's 1-2 and 3's of 1946 and Panama 2's 1-4 per cent. each.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST.

Allis Chalmers	25⅝
American Beet Sugar	96⅛
American Can	42⅞
American Car Foundry	61½
American Cotton Oil	42
American Locomotive	69¾
American Smelting	95⅝
American Sugar	106
American Tel. & Tel.	124½
American Tobacco	214
American Zinc	35
Anaconda Copper	74
Atchison	101¼
Atlantic Coast Line	111
Baldwin Locomotive	53½
Baltimore & Ohio	76¾
Bethlehem Steel	395
Canadian Pacific	151⅞
Central Leather	82½
Chesapeake & Ohio	57¾
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	80
Chicago, R. I. & Pac. Ry.	25⅝
Colorado Fuel & Iron	44¼
Consolidated Gas	122
Corn Products	20½
Crucible Steel	65⅛
Cuba Cane Sugar	38¼
Erie	25⅝
General Electric	161¼
Great Northern pfd	113¼
Great Northern Ore Ctfs	30⅝
Goodrich	54
Illinois Central	100¼
Inspiration Copper	53⅞
Int. Mer. Marine pfd	64⅞
International Nickel	42⅛
International Paper	37½
Kansas City Southern	21¼
Kennecott Copper	42¼
Lehigh Valley	73
Louisville & Nashville	123½
Liggett & Myers	265
Lorillard Co.	220
Maxwell Motors	51⅞
Mexican Petroleum	88
National Lead	52½
New York Central	92⅞
N. Y., N. H. & Hartford	40½
Norfolk & Western	128
Northern Pacific	102⅞
Pennsylvania	54
Ray Consolidated Copper	23¾
Reading	80⅝
Republic Iron & Steel	74⅛
Seaboard Air Line	14⅜
Seaboard Air Line pfd	32½
Sloss Shef. Steel & Iron	58
Studebaker Corporation	102½
Southern Pacific	92¾
Southern Railway	27⅝
Southern Railway pfd	61
Tennessee Copper	15
Texas Company	209½
Union Pacific	134⅞
United Fruit	136
United States Rubber	51¼
United States Steel	104¼
United States Steel pfd	117
Utah Copper	106
Virginia Caro. Chem.	37½
Wabash pfd "B"	25
Western Union	94
Westinghouse Electric	50¼
Missouri Pacific w.i.	27⅝

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES.

Savannah, Feb. 9.—Turpentine dull, 51c; sales none; receipts 3; shipments 102; stock 15,697.

Rosin—Firm; sales 1,323; receipts 611; shipments 84; stock 78,951. Quote: A B C D E F G, 6.05; H I K M, 6.20; N, 6.40; WG, 6.55 to 6.60; WW, 6.75 to 6.80.

NEW YORK LIVE STOCK.

New York, Feb. 9.—Beeves, steady; steers 5.50 to 7.35; bulls 6.80 to 8.50; extras 9.00; cows 4.50 to 7.75; tail ends 4.00 to 4.25.

Calves—Firm; veals 11.50 to 16.50; culls 9.00 to 11.00; barnyard calves 6.50 to 7.50; yearlings 5.50 to 6.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Firm; sheep 7.00 to 11.00; culls 5.00 to 6.50, lambs 14.00 to 15.15; culls 10.00 to 11.50.

Hogs—Firm; medium weights 13.60; pigs 11.75; roughs 11.25.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Hogs strong, mostly 15c above yesterday's average; bulk 12.25 to 12.45; light 11.75 to 12.40; mixed 12.05 to 12.50; heavy 12.00 to 12.50; rough 12.00 to 12.15; pigs 9.75 to 11.00.

Cattle—Weak; native beef cattle 7.50 to 12.25; western steers 7.90 to 10.30; stockers and feeders 6.10 to 9.25; cows and heifers 5.15 to 10.50; calves 10.25 to 14.75.

Sheep—Strong; wethers 10.60 to 11.80; ewes 8.00 to 11.25; lammbs 12.10 to 14.60.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET

New York, Feb. 9.—Mercantile paper 4. Sterling 60 day bills 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.72½; commercial 60 day bills 4.72¼; demand 4.75⅝; cables 4.76 7-16; bar silver 77⅝; Mexican dollars 60. Government bonds irregular; railroad bonds weak. Time loans steady, 60 and 90 days and six months 4 to 4¼. Call money firm; ruling rate 3½.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau.

February 10, 1917.

Meteorological data for day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 48 degrees; at 8 P. M., 37 degrees; maximum, 53 degrees; minimum 37 degrees; mean, 45 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00 inch; rainfall for the month, to date, .01 inch.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. yesterday, 6.6 feet.

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina—Fair and continued cold Saturday; Sunday fair with rising temperature.

STORM WARNING.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—Advisory message. Northwest storm warnings displayed 10 A. M. Eastport to Hatteras. Storm of marked intensity central over eastern Pennsylvania will move east northeast and be followed by northwest gales on the Middle and North Atlantic coasts with rain turning to snow and much colder weather.

MITCHELL.

The Port Calendar, Feb. 10, 1917.

Sun rises	7:02 A. M.
Sun sets	5:51 P. M.
Day's length	10 hrs. 49 min.

THE TIDES.

	High water. A.M.	P.M.	Low water. A.M.	P.M.
Wilmington	11:57	12:00	7:17	7:36
Southport	9:40	10:00	3:52	4:11
Masonboro Inlet,	9:29	9:49	3:32	3:51

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

February 9, 1917.

STATIONS:	Weather at 8 P. M.	Temperature: Highest today.	Lowest Last night.	Precipitation at 8 P.
Abilene	cldy	72	34	.0
Asheville	clear	22	22	.02
Atlanta	clear	32	32	.04
Augusta	clear	44	42	.58
Baltimore	clear	42	...	.0
Birmingham	clear	38	32	.0
Boston	cldy	38	34	.28
Charleston	clear	54	46	.18
Charlotte	clear	38	36	.06
Chicago	clear	10	-2	.0
Galveston	clear	62	48	.0
Jaxville	clear	62	52	.40
Memphis	clear	30	24	.0
Mobile	clear	58	44	.02
Montgomery	clear	46	44	.02
N. Orleans	clear	58	46	.0
New York	cldy	40	36	.36
Oklahoma	clear	42	20	.0
Palestine	clear	62	42	.0
Pittsburg	pt cldy	14	10	.0
Raleigh	clear	40	40	.08
Savannah	clear	44	48	.52
Shreveport	clear	54	38	.0
St. Louis	clear	24	8	.0
Washington	clear	40	36	.0

DUN'S TRADE REVIEW.

New York, Feb. 9.—Dun's review tomorrow will say:

"International possibilities still dominate all markets and cause a waiting policy in many quarters, though confidence remains a conspicuous feature in trade and industrial circles.

Financial conditions are intrinsically sound and banking resources unprecedented but doubts about foreign affairs restrict offerings of money and prompt business interests to defer important engagements for the future. Absence of speculative tendencies in producing and distributing channels is a favorable augury and generally the commercial situation is more wholesome than might be expected after many months of almost uninterrupted expansion. With buyers and sellers alike adopting a cautious attitude, new commitments are in lessoned volume.

"Weekly bank clearings $6,226,698,297."

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat Prices Stronger and Higher, Although Unsettled.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Betterment of conditions for railway traffic helped today to strengthen the wheat market and so, too, did large clearances at the seaboard. Prices finished unsettled but ½ to 1⅛c net higher with May at 1.69½ to 1.69⅝ and July at 1.47 to 1.47⅛. Corn gained a shade to ½; oats ⅝ to ⅝, and provisions 15 to 40.

Grain and provisions closed:

Wheat—May 1.69½; July 1.47.

Corn—May 1.01⅝; July 99⅝.

Oats—May 54⅝; July 53⅜.

Pork—May 29.87; July 29.10.

Lard—May 16.57; July 16.72.

Ribs—May 15.72; July 15.37.

Cash grain:

Wheat—No. 2 red, nominal; No. 3 red, nominal; No. 2 hard 1.71; No. 3 hard 1.74.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 4 yellow 99 to 1.01; No. 4 white 99¾ to 1.00¾.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS.

New York, Feb. 9.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal 4.89; molasses 4.02; refined steady; fine granulated 6.75.

Butter—Unsettled.

Cheese—Firm.

Coffee—Spot unchanged; Rio 7s, 10c; Santos 4s, 10½c.

LIFE PRESERVERS MADE OF KAPOK ON BRITISH SHIPS.

London, Feb. 4.—The British government, through its Board of Trade, has approved of kapok and henceforth life preservers made with kapok instead of cork may be expected to find their way on board many British ships.

The kapok tree grows in the tropics. The best quality at present comes from Java, but it is expected that the cultivation of the tree will soon yield the same results in the British West Indies and Central America.

In Java kapok trees may be found planted along the roads in coffee and cocoa plantations. A single tree may yield up to 1,500 fruits. Much of the fibre, after treatment by a German patent process, is spun into yarn for making plush, lace and similar substances, but the real value of the fruit lies in the fact that its fibre, short, light and brittle, is impervious and elastic. It is capable of floating 10 times its own weight of iron for over a week. Moreover, lifesaving jackets may be made with the best kapok for a fraction of the cost of a cork jacket.

Jewel Found in Cathedral.

Budapest, Jan. 30.—One of the jewels of the Imperial Crown, which was reported missing after the coronation of King Charles, has been found in the cathedral. It was not known until after the loss was discovered that the settings of several of the sones were loose. A thorough overhauling of the crown has now been ordered.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Arrivals and Departures of Trains at Wilmington, Effective Feb. 5th, 1917.

Time Not Guaranteed.

DEPARTURES	TO AND FROM	ARRIVALS
No. 90 3:20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Eastern North Carolina points. Connects at Goldsboro with Southern Railway and Norfolk Southern Railroad. Through Sleeping Car between Wilmington and Raleigh. Open to receive passengers, after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, Southbound until 7:00 A. M.	No. 91 1:15 A. M. Daily except Monday.
No. 51 5:30 A. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Conway, Florence, Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Ft. Myers, Columbia and Asheville. Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Columbia open to receive outbound passengers at Wilmington at and after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, inbound, until 7:00 A. M.	No. 50 12:20 A. M. Daily.
No. 64 5:45 A. M. Daily except Sunday.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 65 6:15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 48 8:00 A. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk and Washington. **Parlor cars between Wilmington and Norfolk, connecting at Rocky Mount with New York trains having Pullman service.**	No. 49 6:05 P. M. Daily.
No. 53 8:45 A. M. Daily.	Solid train between Wilmington and Mt. Airy, via Fayetteville and Sanford.	No. 52 8:00 P. M. Daily.
No. 63 3:05 P. M. Daily.	Jacksonville, New Bern and Intermediate stations.	No. 63 12:30 P. M. Daily.
No. 55 3:45 P. M. Daily.	Chadbourn, Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Atlanta and the West. Charleston, Savannah and all Florida points. All Steel Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington, Augusta and Atlanta. **Sleeping cars daily between Florence and Columbia,** which may be occupied at Columbia until 7:00 A. M.	No. 54 12:50 P. M. Daily.
No. 59 6:30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.	Fayetteville and intermediate stations.	No. 60 10:15 A. M. Daily except Sunday.
No. 42 6:45 P. M. Daily.	Goldsboro, Richmond, Norfolk, Washington and New York. Pullman Broiler, Buffet Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with New York Trains, carrying dining cars; also Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.	No. 41 9:50 A. M. Daily.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call 'phone 160.

T. C. WHITE, Passenger Traffic Manager. W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

IN EFFECT DECEMBER 4, 1916.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

EASTBOUND			WESTBOUND		
Leave "Electric Centre" for Winter P'rk	Leave "Electric Centre" for Wrightsv'le	Leave "Electric Centre" for Beach	Leave Beach for Wilmington	Leave Wrightsv'le for Wilmington	Leave Winter P'rk for Wilmington
*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	*6:30 A.M.	.....	*6:15 A.M.	*6:26 A.M.
16:30 A.M.	16:30 A.M.	x16:30 A.M.	z17:05 A.M.	17:15 A.M.	17:26 A.M.
*6:50 A.M.	*6:50 A.M.	.....	.....	*7:30 A.M.	*7:31 A.M.
*8:00 A.M.	*8:00 A.M.	.....	*7:40 A.M.	*7:50 A.M.	*8:01 A.M.
*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	*8:30 A.M.	.....	*8:30 A.M.	*8:41 A.M.
18:30 A.M.	18:30 A.M.	x18:30 A.M.	z9:05 A.M.	19:15 A.M.	19:26 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	*9:15 A.M.	*9:25 A.M.	*9:36 A.M.
11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	.....	110:20 A.M.	110:31 A.M.
11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	11:00 P.M.	10:45 A.M.	10:55 A.M.	11:06 A.M.
*1:10 P.M.	*1:10 P.M.	x*1:10 P.M.	12:15 P.M.	12:25 P.M.	12:36 P.M.
o1:55 P.M.	o1:55 P.M.	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:55 P.M.	12:06 P.M.
2:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	.....	z*1:45 P.M.	*1:50 P.M.	*2:01 P.M.
3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	.....	*2:25 P.M.	*2:36 P.M.
3:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o3:00 P.M.	o3:11 P.M.
o4:10 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o3:50 P.M.
4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	3:45 P.M.	3:55 P.M.	4:06 P.M.
o4:50 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	o4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M.	5:30 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	o5:10 P.M.
6:10 P.M.	6:10 P.M.	.....	5:15 P.M.	5:25 P.M.	5:36 P.M.
6:40 P.M.	6:40 P.M.	x6:40 P.M.	.....	6:00 P.M.	6:11 P.M.
7:15 P.M.	7:15 P.M.	.....	.....	6:40 P.M.	6:51 P.M.
8:15 P.M.	8:15 P.M.	.....	z7:15 P.M.	7:20 P.M.	7:31 P.M.
9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	9:15 P.M.	.....	7:55 P.M.	8:06 P.M.
10:15 P.M.	10:15 P.M.	.....	.....	8:45 P.M.	8:56 P.M.
11:15 P.M.	11:15 P.M.	.....	10:00 P.M.	10:10 P.M.	10:21 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	10:45 P.M.	10:56 P.M.
.....	.....	.....	.....	11:45 P.M.	11:56 P.M.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS

Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M.
Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 o 5:45 P. M.

*—Daily except Sunday. x—Does not run beyond Station No. 3.
|—Sundays only. z—Leaves from Station No. 3.
o—Superceded by half hour schedule Sunday afternoon.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE (DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.)

Leave Ninth and Orange Streets, 8:30 P. M.
Freight Depot Open from 2:30 to 3:30 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE—This Table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed.

Specials:---

1500 bags Fine Salt.
480 bags Genuine Maine Grown Seed Potatoes.
1500 bushels Burt Seed Oats.
600 bags Rice, all grades.
600 bags New Crop Coffees.
600 bags Hecker's Middlings.

Write for Quotations Before Too Late.

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500 bushels Field Peas.
100 bbls. Large Mullets.
2000 bags Rice. All grades.
350 bags Green Coffee.
Complete line of Groceries. Orders solicited. Samples and prices furnished upon application.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

THROUGH SLEEPING CARS TO RALEIGH.

Through sleeping cars are now operated between Wilmington and Raleigh, daily, except Sunday, on the following schedules:

3:20 A.M. Lv.	Wilmington	Ar.	1:15 A.M.
6:15 A.M. Ar.	Goldsboro	Lv.	10:25 P.M.
6:45 A.M. Lv.	Goldsboro	Ar.	9:25 P.M.
7:40 A.M. Ar.	Selma	Lv.	8:38 P.M.
8:52 A.M. Ar.	Raleigh	Lv.	7:25 P.M.

Sleepers will be open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M., and may be occupied, southbound, until 7:00 A. M.

For reservations and further information 'Phone 160.

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AND
GEORGETOWN, S. C.

New York to Wilmington.
S. S. Cherokee..Tuesday, February 6th
S. S. Cherokee, Saturday, February 17

Wilmington to Georgetown.
S. S. Cherokee....Friday, February 9th
S. S. Cherokee..Tuesday, February 20

Wilmington to New York
S. S. Cherokee, Tuesday, February 13
S. S. Cherokee, Saturday, February 24
S. S. Cherokee carries first class passengers only.

CLYDE STEAMSHIP CO.
C. J. BECKER, Agent.
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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railroad of the South, Effective Nov. 12th, 1916.

DEPARTURE OF TRAINS FROM WILMINGTON

No 13.—3:55 P. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR, WILMINGTON TO CHARLOTTE.

No 19—5:00 A. M.—Train for Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND CHARLOTTE. Open at 10:00 P. M. for Passengers.

ARRIVAL OF TRAINS AT WILMINGTON:

No. 14—12:30 P. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. PULLMAN PARLOR CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON.

No. 20—12:10 A. M.—Train from Charlotte and Intermediate Points. SLEEPING CAR BETWEEN CHARLOTTE AND WILMINGTON. PASSENGERS MAY REMAIN IN SLEEPER UNTIL 7:00 A. M.

For detailed information and reservations, call on City Ticket Agent, Orton Building. 'Phone 178.

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Atlantic Coast Line

"The Standard Railroad of the South."

Excursion Fares

FROM WILMINGTON
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

$13.95—Atlanta, Ga.

Account Southeastern Land Show and the National Association of Builders Exchanges of the U. S. Tickets will be sold Jan. 31 and Feb. 3, 10, 11 and 14, limited returning until Feb. 20, but may be extended to March 6th by depositing and paying $1.00.

$23.45—Pensacola, Fla.

$24.55—Mobile, Ala.

$28.75—New Orleans, La.

Account Mardi Gras Celebration. Tickets will be sold Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning until March 2nd, but may be extended until March 10th by depositing and paying $1.00.

Proportionate Fares from Other Points on the ATANTIC COAST LINE, "The Standard Railroad of the South." 'Phone 160.

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railway of the South. Bulletin of Special Round-Trip Rates from Wilmington, N. C.

ATLANTA, GA. **$13.95**
On sale June 15, 16, 17; limited returning Midnight June 25th. Stop-over any point.

WASHINGTON, D. C. **$13.20**
On sale April 10 to 15th inclusive; limited returning midnight April 30th.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. **$28.75**
On sale May 11 to 16th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, limit extended to June 15th on payment $1.00.

WASHINGTON, D. C. **$8.90**
On sale June 2 to 7th, inclusive; limited returning midnight June 21st; limit extended to July 6th on payment 50c.

LEXINGTON, KY. **$21.85**
On sale February 18, 19, 20; limited returning midnight February 25th.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. **$28.75**
On sale March 11, 12, 13; limited returning midnight March 21st.

WASHINGTON, D. C. **$13.20**
On sale March 1, 2, 3, 4, limited returning midnight March 10th; limit extended to April 10th on payment $1.00.

ATLANTA, GA **$13.95**
On sale January 31, Feb. 3, 10, 11, 12 and 14th, limited returning midnight February 20th.

MOBILE, ALA **$24.55**
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd, limit extended to March 19th, on payment of $1.00.

PENSACOLA, FLA **$23.45**
On sale Feb. 12 to 19, inclusive, limited returning midnight, March 2nd; limit extended to March 19th, on payment $1.00.

NEW ORLEANS, LA **$28.75**
On sale Feb. 13 to 19th, inclusive; limited returning midnight, March 2nd; limit extended to March 19th, on payment $1.00

For further information, apply 'Phone 178.—
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NEW ORLEANS, LA. **$28.75**
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PENSACOLA, FLA **$23.45**
Round trip tickets will be sold from **WILMINGTON** At the fares shown above by the **ATLANTIC COAST LINE** **The Standard Railroad of the South,** for all trains from **FEBRUARY 13 T

STEPS FOR MOBILIZING NATION'S INDUSTRIES

Council of National Defense to Speed Up the Work

To Co-Ordinate Industrial and Commercial Resources and Standardize Medical and Surgical Supplies As War Measure

Washington, Feb. 9.—Steps to speed up industrial mobilization were taken today by the Council of National Defense which includes a majority of the members of the cabinet. The meeting was held before today's cabinet session and calls were issued for the civilian advisory commission and the committee on standardization of medical and surgical supplies to meet with the council next Monday.

The advisory commission was called to press vigorously plans for the coordination of all industrial and commercial resources of the nation against a war emergency, while the medical committee will begin the work of formulating plans by which the standardization of all medical and surgical supplies and equipment is to be effected.

Director Gifford, of the advisory commission, issued a statement saying that the commission had been called next Monday to "consider the great volume of offers which are being received in the several executive departments and in the office of the Council for National Defense from industrial and commercial establishments to place their facilities at the disposal of the government and to co-operate in every way in the organization and maintenance of the National supply system and other matters of business.

"This call is not based upon any new incident in the international situation but as the organization of the industry and the commerce of the country for rapid use in time of emergency is the primary purpose of the Council of National Defense it is thought that these numerous volunteer offers afford an especially favorable opportunity for beginning the work of organization and carrying it into speedy execution."

BANKS TO BECOME EDITOR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES

Secretary Daniels' Secretary Resigns—Had Once Refused Offer

(Special Star Telegram).

Washington, Feb. 9.—It was learned at the Navy Department today that Howard A. Banks, for the past four years secretary to Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels, has tendered his resignation to Mr. Daniels and will go to Philadelphia to become editor of the Sunday School Times, a publication devoted to religious work.

While representing the Navy Department at San Francisco during the Exposition, Mr. Banks' articles from the Pacific coast attracted the attention of the publishers of the papers of which Mr. Banks now becomes editor. It is understood that soon after these stories appeared he was offered a place as associate editor. This was refused, but when the larger position was offered Mr. Banks decided to accept.

HOLLEMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO BREACH OF TRUST CHARGE

Former Anderson, S. C., Banker Will Serve Two-Year Term

Anderson, S. C., Feb. 9.—J. Towns Holleman, former cashier of the Bank of Anderson, who disappeared seven years ago after being charged with defalcation of $35,000, entered a formal plea of guilty in court here today to a charge of breach of trust. He was given his choice of two years in the state penitentiary or an equal time on the roads of Anderson county.

Holleman returned here several weeks ago and in court today his counsel presented a petition signed by officers and directors of the bank, city officials and 200 other citizens urging leniency.

Hollemand said he had been in the Far West during the time he was away from here.

GERARD TO START FOR HOM ETODAY

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tions with Germany by the United States, and the ambassador had been unable to announce even the receipt of his passports. Germany had only learned from the Swiss government that the ambassador had received his passports.

Such treatment, Dr. von Stumm is credited as having said, had compelled Germany to adopt the measures she had taken against the American ambassador, although she deplored such measures, which would have been superfluous with some mutual courtesy.

"I hope" Count von Stumm is quoted as having said, "the reports of the seizure of German ships and the restriction of the liberty of their crews are untrue, as such measures would be contrary to the German-American treaty of 1799. We do not wish a system of warfare against non-combatants such as Great Britain introduced by the internment of civilians."

WASHINGTON IS SURPRISED AT VON STUMM'S STATEMENT

Washington, Feb. 9.—The interview credited to Baron von Stumm created surprise here, because the government has been doing its utmost to extend Count von Bernstorff and other former German officials every possible courtesy and facility for getting home.

The failure of Count von Bernstorff to communicate with his government was explained by the former ambassador himself several days ago, when he said he had sent no messages home personally because he took it for granted he could not use code and did not care to use plain language over the wireless. The Swiss minister, however, forwarded notice of the severance of relations and any other communication it was desired to send.

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WILLARD IS CONDITIONALLY MATCHED TO FIGHT FULTON

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—An agreement for a ten-round boxing bout between Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion and Fred Fulton, at Madison Square Garden, N. Y., March 26, conditional upon Fulton's victory over Charley Weinert next Monday, was announced here today by Grant Hugh Browne, of New York.

The announcement was made before the state athletic commission after a license had been granted to the Garden Tower Corporation, the new lessees of Madison Square Garden, represented by Browne at today's meeting. Browne said that virtually everything had been arranged in connection with the bout and that the formal signing of the agreement would be held up until the conclusion of the Fulton-Weinert fight Monday night.

RUNAWAY CARS CAUSE FATAL WRECK ON S. A. L. NEAR MONROE

Conductor Horton Killed; Flagman Ellwanger, from Fairmont, Injured

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 9.—A string of 16 loaded freight cars in the Seaboard Air Line's yards at Monroe, N. C., ran wild down the grade towards Wingate this morning and crashing into a freight train, wrecked the train and instantly killed Conductor A. M. Horton. Flagman A. A. Ellwanger, seriously injured, was pinned under the wreckage, but was rescued by the engineer before the fire, which burst out in the wreckage, reached him. A negro brakeman was slightly hurt.

Flagman Ellwanger is from Fairmont, N. C., The track was badly torn up and passenger service was interrupted for several hours.

TENNESSEE AND S. CAROLINA TROOPS TO ENTRAIN SUNDAY

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 9.—Revised schedules of the dates of departure for the majority of the National Guard organizations recently ordered to their home states for muster out of Federal service, were announced at Southern Department headquarters today.

Under the original orders of the War Department, issued January 20, 25,000 troops were to return to their home states from border service. The movement was abruptly stopped last Monday.

Later Thursday afternoon orders were received from the War Department to continue the movement. Troop A., South Carolina cavalry; Company A., engineers, and field hospital No. 1, all of which are at El Paso, will get away Sunday. Tennessee field hospital No. 1 and ambulance Company No. 1, El Paso, will entrain the same day.

APPROPRIATIONS IN RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL INCREASED

Washington, Feb. 9.—The rivers and harbors bill carrying a total of $38,500,000, about $137,000 more than when it passed the House, was reported today to the Senate from the Commerce committee. Senator Kenyon, Republican, of Iowa, gave notice he would fight the bill and propose a substitute to appropriate a lump sum of $22,000,000 for improvements where the War Department sees fit.

FEDERAL HIGHWAYS BETWEEN STRATEGIC POINTS ADVOCATED

Boston, Feb. 9.—The construction by Congress of National highways between tsrategic points was recommended in resolutions adopted at the closing session of the annual convention of the American Road Builders' association today. Recent military operations, the association says, have shown the need of better roads for use in time of war.

AIRPLANE PLANTS PLACED AT COMMAND OF PRESIDENT

New York, Feb. 9.—Fifteen airplane manufacturers, with a combined capital of $30,000,000 and a total capacity of 175 machines a week, after organizing the Aeronautic Manufacturers' Association here late today sent a telegram to President Wilson pledging him their full support and placing all their resources at his command.

CALLS FOR WAR REFERENDUM

Representative Callaway Introduces Resolution "By Request."

Washington, Feb. 9.—A resolution calling for a popular referendum before any declaration of war, except in case of insurrection or invasion, was introduced today by Representative Callaway, of Texas, "by request," following a conference with several of his colleagues.

BIDS ASKED FOR TEXTILE MATERIALS FOR UNIFORMS

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Bids for textile materials to provide army uniforms for more than 500,000 men were asked today by the Schuylkill arsenal. The total expenditure is estimated at about $15,000,000.

Ice Blocks Water Traffic.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The eastern shore of Maryland is isolated today by water route from Baltimore because of the ice, which is from 10 to 18 inches thick on the upper part of Chesapeake Bay. There have been no arrivals or sailings of bay steamers from Baltimore and merchants are complaining of their inability to get quick service by train over the peninsula because of congestion.

To Give Military Instruction

Denver, Colo., Feb. 9.—Noonday classes in military science are to be held in various Denver factories and shops beginning tomorow. Officers of the Colorado National guard today arranged to supervise the classes.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON RAILROAD BILL

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vides that in case of "actual, or threatened war, insurrection or invasion or any emergency requiring the transportation of troops, military equipment and supplies of the United States," the President, which for the public safety requires, may take possession of necessary parts of telegraph wires and telephone lines and railroads and draft their officers and employes into the Federal service. Any damage sustained in this connection would be assessed by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Any person refusing to be drafted or who injures or destroys such property or interferes with its use when in Federal hands would be subject to five years imprisonment.

W. N. Royall home place to be divided into three lots and sold at auction Tuesday, February 13th. Your opportunity.—(adv.)

Paris Dressmakers Strike.

Paris, Jan. 30.—Two strikes have begun in the Paris dressmaking trade. One concern's male cutters, who are mostly foreigners; the other is exclusively an affair of Parisian "midinettes", as the young girl garment workers are called, who protest against being paid lower wages than before the war.

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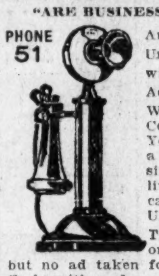

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SPECIALS FOR TODAY—35c BOTTLE maple syrup, 25c; 12-lb. sack best flour, 65c; fine table butter, 45c lb.; 5 pound can Hygeia coffee, $1.25; Florida oranges, 25c dozen; tomato soup, 10c can; fine lot of country eggs; sweet and Irish potatoes. $1.00 can of Log Cabin syrup, 75c; fresh rye flour at C. H. Bornemann. Phone 853. fe 10-1t

LOOSCHEN PIANO, TAKEN IN EXCHANGE on a Stieff solid mahogany piano, no reasonable offer refused. This will make a very fine practice piano, fine action and good tone. Terms to suit the purchaser can be arranged. Call and see this. Wilmington's leading piano store. Chas. M. Stieff, 213 Princess street. Phone No. 1336-J, W. H. Stone, manager. fe 10-2t

CREAMED COTTAGE CHEESE, MADE fresh daily, by our expert cheese maker, from Ohio State University. Pender Test Farm, prize cream, fresh daily. Warren's Creamery. Phone 485. fe 10-1t*

STOVE SPECIALS—PERFECTION OIL heaters, $3.50, and wood, $4.50; laundry heaters, $4.48 and $6.48; wood heaters, $2.00, $5.48 and $6.48; curtain stretchers, $1.98; clothes baskets, 35c to $1.25; all size stove pipes and stove mats in stock. C. H. Bornemann's Department Store, Seventh and Orange streets. fe 10-1t

SHAW PIANO; VIRTUALLY NEW, fine mahogany case, exceptional tone quality, extremely fine responsive action, priced reasonable. This is the one grand bargain in the store, as it is priced very low for the occasion. Reasonable terms. Stool and scarf, free tuning for one year, by our expert. Wilmington's Leading Piano Store. Chas. M. Stieff, 213 Princess street, Phone No. 1336-J, W. H. Stone, manager. fe 10-2t

HARRISS' OLE TIME'Y CROUP AND pneumonia salve hasn't even been equalled and a quarter gets a lot of it at Hall's Drug Store, Fifth and Castle. fe 10-2t

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NEW WAY MARKET—COLD WAVE— 300 fancy dressed chickens, geese, 100 fancy Western beef roasts, 18c; 50 small pig hams, 22c; 2 pound backbone and three pounds rutabagas, 40c; one pound liver and one pound bacon, 43c; pork chops, smoked tongue, Longhorn cheese, boiled ham; two pounds hamburger steak, 35c; two pounds mince meat, 25c; two pounds spare ribs and peck yams, 70c; small pig head, 10c per pound; green peppers, beets, cabbage, onions, eggplant, B.E. peas, lima beans, navy beans, can peas, tomatoes in cans, parsley, celery, strawberries; two dozen oranges, 35c; fancy pineapple grape fruit, something fine, 10c. Phone Nos. 816 and 817. W. H. McEachern. Phone me, I will take care of your order. fe 10-1t

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ATTENTION U. T. C.—THE REGULAR meeting of Cape Fear Council will be held this, Saturday evening, February 10th, at 8 o'clock. All members are urgently requested to attend. Fraternally, W. C. Smith, secretary. fe 10-1t

FOR SALE—66 ACRE FARM, CLAY sub soil, 25 acres cleared, 8 room dwelling and out houses. Nice young vineyard, 12 miles from Wilmington, one-half mile from railroad station; fronting on public road. Write me for terms and company. Box 59, R. F. D. No. 1, Phoenix, N. C. fe 10-2t*

WANTED—A-NO. 1 LATH MILL FOREman, either day or contract work. Anderson Lumber Corporation, Marion, S. C. fe 10-7t

WANTED—TWO FURNISHED ROOMS for light housekeeping, at once, by couple without children. Address "Rooms," care Star. fe 10-1t*

FOR SALE—SIX TAMWORTH GILTS and two boars, entitled to registration; nine months old, will weigh one hundred and fifty or more, and are thin. Price $25.00 each. This is the largest type hog in America. Gilts ready bred. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. R. Sanderson, Route 1, Burgaw, N. C. fe 10-1t*

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WANTED—A POSITION AS CLERK. Mercantile experience; references furnished. Can keep books if necessary. Prefer a place with chance to advance. "All-Day Punctuality," care Star. fe 10-2t*

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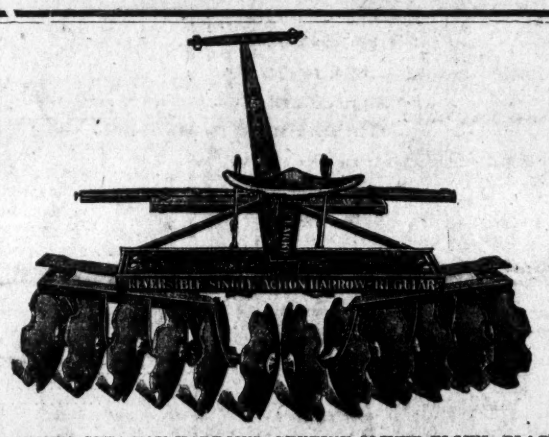

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